

Good Listening

This is Jack.



Jack is a happy boy who loves talking with his friends. He is happiest when he is chatting, not listening. Jack's friends like to listen to him. But it makes them feel frustrated when he talks and talks and forgets to listen to them.



In school, he has to listen to lots of instructions and explanations. He needs to listen carefully to learn.

One day after lunch, Jack's teacher told his class. *'OK, everybody, it's time to LINE UP! Jack, can you pass me the football please?'* But Jack wasn't listening. He was not looking at the teacher or listening to him.

He kicked the ball and ran around happily. For a few minutes, Jack was enjoying playing football in the empty playground by himself. He gave the ball his best, highest kick and for a while he was so proud of his skill.

Suddenly, he heard the teacher shout his name again and again. The teacher was raging. He shouted at Jack and told him to pass him the ball, join the line and LISTEN in future. Jack was frightened.



Jack had been in a world of his own. He was scared and upset. His tummy felt wobbly. He hadn't listened and he was in trouble. This made him feel sad.



He apologised for his actions.

*'I'm sorry. I need to be a better listener', said Jack
'Could you help me to listen better?'*

'Don't worry Jack!' said the teacher.

'You only need to do 2 things to be a good listener.'

'This is all you need to do!

1. **Use your eyes to look.** *You should face the speaker. Look at their face.*
2. **Use your ears to listen.** *If you listen to the speaker and forget about anything else, you won't look around you and you will find it easy to concentrate'.*



By practising good listening skills, Jack didn't get into any more trouble. He was happier at school. Jack learned a lot more in class. He was a better friend, because friends are good at listening to each other.

Best of all, Jack had learned what 2 things would help him to be a better listener:
Use your eyes to look and, use your ears to listen.