

## Why do listening and speaking come first?

- "Listening and speaking first" is the natural language learning sequence.
- Listening and speaking require fast processing, the foundation for true fluency and "thinking in English."
- Having good listening and speaking skills is the key to the later effective development of good reading and writing skills.
- Good listening and speaking skills are really what is needed for effective communication.

## Practice listening and speaking the right way

- Use your ears . . . Free yourself from text. Heavy reliance on text support severely slows the development of good listening and speaking skills.
- Follow the DynEd 5-step Study Method: Get the Gist, Listen & Understand, Listen & Speak,
  Record & Compare, Summarize & Personalize.

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