Day 1: Introduction to Active Listening

Theme:

Developing active listening skills to enhance vocabulary, pronunciation, and comprehension, while fostering engagement with English in everyday life.

Objective

1. Understand the importance of listening in learning English.
2. Define and practice active listening techniques.
3. Apply active listening to short paragraphs and audio clips.
4. Explore ways to practice listening daily for improved language proficiency.

Lesson Outline

1. Warm-Up (10 minutes)

a. Icebreaker Activity:

- **"What Do You Hear?"**

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- Play a sound effect (e.g., birds chirping, rain, footsteps).
- Ask: *"What do you think this sound is?"*
- Discuss how listening carefully helps us understand details and context.

b. Discussion:

- Ask students: *"When and where do you usually listen to English?"*
- Write their responses on the Zoom whiteboard to gauge their listening habits.

2. Importance of Listening in Language Learning (10 minutes)

a. Role of Listening:

- Explain that listening is foundational for:
  - Learning new words.
  - Improving pronunciation.
  - Understanding sentence structures.
- Share examples, like how babies learn languages by listening first.

b. What is Active Listening?

- Define active listening: Fully concentrating on understanding the speaker's message.
- Introduce key techniques:
  1. Pay attention to the speaker.
  2. Note tone, context, and pauses.
  3. Respond with relevant questions or comments.

c. Practical Uses of Listening:

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- Discuss real-life scenarios for listening:
  - Watching English videos.
  - Listening to podcasts or songs.
  - Engaging in conversations.
- Share examples of online resources like BBC Learning English or TalkEnglish.com.

3. Listening Practice: Short Paragraph (10 minutes)

a. Instructor's Reading Activity:

- Read a short paragraph clearly and slowly:
  "Charlotte wakes up at 7 a.m. every day. She enjoys a cup of coffee before heading to work. On weekends, she likes to read books and spend time with her family."

b. Comprehension Questions:

- Ask questions like:
  - *"What time does Charlotte wake up?"*
  - *"What does she do before work?"*
  - *"What are her weekend activities?"*

c. Pronunciation Practice:

- Highlight and repeat key phrases:
  - *"wakes up," "cup of coffee," "spend time."*
- Encourage students to mimic your pronunciation.

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4. Listening to Audio Clips (20 minutes)

a. **Activity:**

- Share an audio clip from **BBC Learning English**: *About Dreams*
- Play the audio and guide students to focus on the main ideas.

b. **Discussion:**

- Ask comprehension questions:
  - *"What was the main topic of the clip?"*
  - *"Can you share one thing you learned?"*
- Clarify any difficult words or phrases.

c. **Interactive Questions:**

- Encourage students to identify new words or expressions and use them in sentences.

5. Wrap-Up and Homework (10 minutes)

a. **Review:**

- Summarize the lesson:
  - The role of listening in language learning.
  - Active listening techniques.
  - Benefits of incorporating listening into daily life.

b. **Homework Assignment:**

- Recommend a short clip:

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- **Title**: *"How to Describe Your Daily Routine in English"*
- **Link**: BBC Learning English

Task:

1. Listen to the clip and write down:
   - Three key points learned.
   - Any new words or expressions.
2. Prepare 2-3 sentences to share in the next class.

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