

## Being a good listener

This worksheet will help you with:

- ▶ conversation in all situations, including phone calls
- ▶ GESE Grade 7, interactive and conversation phases
- ▶ ISE I, conversation task

### Activity 1

#### Showing that you're listening

In pairs, take turns to speak and listen for a minute or two. When you speak, choose a topic you're familiar with. Here are some suggestions:

- ▶ Your family
- ▶ How you spend your spare time
- ▶ Your home
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Your early memories

When you listen, show that you're listening and that you understand. Use the words and phrases on the board.

### Activity 2

#### Not showing that you're listening

Again, take turns to talk about a different topic. This time, the listener shouldn't say anything or look at the speaker.

### Activity 3

#### Showing that you're listening

Listen to your teacher speaking, and show that you're listening and that you understand.



#### Star test-taker activity



Here are four sentences about listening in conversation. Draw a star by the three things you should do, and draw a line through the one thing you shouldn't do.

#### Good listeners:

- .... say things to show they understand and are interested.
- .... listen in silence.
- .... look at the speaker most of the time.
- .... smile to show they understand and are interested.