

What is unique to listening

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"... listening is an important skill, and due to the practical complexities of providing spoken texts, it is neglected in many language-learning situations. One important reason to test listening ... is to encourage teachers to teach it."

About the book: *Assessing Listening*

Listening is a key skill and teachers need to assess their students' listening ability. This book shows language teachers and testing practitioners how to assess listening comprehension. The intention is not to discuss theory and research for their own sake, but only sufficiently for practitioners to know how to construct language tests, the conditions that can have an impact on listening tests and how to interpret the test results.

This book includes:

- practical tips and guidance based on classroom experience
- a review of major listening examinations
- a systematic approach to developing listening tests