



THOUGHT
for the day

Issue 53

15th September 2008

Please see 'Guidance for staff' in conjunction with this paper

Please

LISTEN

One of the most important skills for learning is listening. Students must listen attentively to teachers so that each one understands what to do.

- It may be that a teacher is communicating a task that students have to complete
- It may be that a teacher is explaining knowledge that students need to understand

In both cases learning can only take place unless students listen.

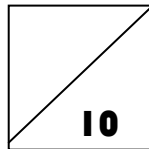
The best way to listen is to be quiet and pay attention. Teachers shouldn't have to shout.

[Here is a short test of your listening skills.](#)

Listen to your teacher read an extract from a novel to you. Your teacher will read it to you twice if you are in KS3, only once if you are in KS4 or 5. Then answer the questions. In most cases one word will do for an answer. Your teacher will read them like a quiz.

	Question	Answer
1	Where is the soldier?	
2	What did he get from behind the wall?	
3	What did he put on?	
4	What did he put into the bag?	
5	Where did the soldier disappear?	
6	Who was going to follow him?	
7	What did Art say?	
8	Why did the man curse with frustration?	
9	What noise was he making?	
10	What was he pushing?	

How well have you listened
Mark them with your teacher



Listening is such an important skill in learning, teachers will feel **POSITIVE** about you if you are quiet and attentive and show you can concentrate.

Your relationship with your teacher must be good if learning is going to be effective.

Listening well is a sign of **RESPECT**

RESPECT for each other is important, probably **the** most important human quality.

Teachers show students respect when they value the hard work you do in classrooms. Teachers praise students for high achievement, give well done cards, phone or write to parents of students who do well. This is respect.

PRAISE is the way teachers show respect.

LISTENING is the way students show respect.

The best learning takes place in a positive atmosphere when teachers and students get along well and are not in conflict.

Please record an incident which you regard as a positive experience in a classroom this term.