

I will be reading you several chapters of the book, "Stand and Deliver" every day. You will be practicing your listening skills and your note-taking skills. The following outline will help you focus your listening. Use a different sheet of paper to take your notes so you can refer back to this paper each time we do this exercise.

When you read a story, you can often get the main idea even if there are some vocabulary words that are new to you. The same thing is true of listening. When you are listening to a story, whether it is on the radio, the TV news, or a friend speaking, it is important to get an overall sense of the story, even if there are specific vocabulary words that you do not understand. Try and concentrate on the WH words, WHO, WHERE, WHEN, WHAT, and WHY.

WHO: Who are the people involved in this story? What are their names? What do you know about them?

WHERE: Where does this story take place? What is the setting? Is there more than one setting?

WHEN: When does this story take place? Is it current, from the past, or about the future?

WHAT: What events happen in the story? What happens first? What happens second? Etc.

WHY: What is the relationship between events? Does one event cause another? What are the motivations of the people in the story? What are the conflicts in the story? What are the resolutions?

When you are listening to a story, it will help your comprehension if you try and form images and pictures in your head. This will also help you remember what you have heard. If you are artistically inclined, you might like to try and draw a picture of something you heard.