



Target Improve your listening skills by practising at home.

These websites contain a host of listening activities of all levels and allow you to listen as many times as you like. Listening to music in Spanish is great too, why not sing along? It will do wonders for your pronunciation. If you really want a challenge, for some high-level authentic resources, try looking at some of the websites on the next page. Don't get put off by trying to understand it all – you only need to get the gist at the moment!

Step 1 Where to start.

Linguascope



The school has a subscription for www.linguascope.com
Please ask your teacher for the log in details.
Select the language and level of difficulty to best suit you.



Conjuguemos



www.conjuguemos.com has lots of great worksheets, puzzles and interactive games. You don't need to register for this. Just select play the computer each time when using the games.



YouTube



There is loads of music available on www.youtube.com including original artists but also English or American songs that have been translated. Ask your teacher for some suggestions of where to start. And don't be afraid of singing along!



Step 2 What can I do to help me learn it?

Practising regularly is the key to success here. Use the websites suggested above but also experiment with other techniques that you know; practise speaking with friends and family as much as possible and experimenting with all the new vocabulary and structures that you have learnt in class.



REALLY USEFUL FRENCH WEBSITES

and how to use them best!

TO WORK ON YOUR LISTENING



You should select a short audio or video clip from the Internet. Play the clip at least three times and write a brief summary in French (it needn't be any longer than 50 words) with a vocabulary list of at least 10 words. These could be key words or they could be words that are new to you and had to be looked up.

It is easier to start with short news bulletins. Video clips are ideal as they are easier to understand. Start with shorter clips and then when you feel ready, you could choose a radio programme from the Radio station websites listed below.

French News

<http://fr.euronews.com/>

Choose from a wide variety of News videos.

<http://www.tf1.fr/jt-20h/>

Watch today's news from the TV channel TF1 (not easy, but if you already know what the main stories are...)

French TV channel websites:

Many sites will block content from the UK. Log on **instead** to **TV5** where you can access a number of videos

<http://www.ina.fr/> is a free resource. It includes excerpts of news shows and documentaries and covers a huge range of topics.

<http://fr.ver-taal.com/> has an excellent selection of videos which include newsreels, advertisements, and songs. They have transcripts for you to download and the videos are all accompanied by online exercises. A very useful website.

For celebrity gossip....

<http://people.excite.fr/>

French Radio on-line

<http://www.radiofrance.fr/>

This is an excellent website that allows you to access seven radio stations and listen live or download podcasts. There are a number of videos on the site too.