# Listen in Stories *Teacher's Guide*

**Listen in** is a new series of readers with a special focus on developing your students' active listening skills.



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and **HELBLING** e-zone on page 6 of this guide.

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## Why is listening important?

Listening is key to **effective communication**. It occupies about 45% of the time we spend in communication. Significantly more than speaking (30%), reading (16%) and writing (9%). However, despite its importance, students say that listening is the most challenging of the traditional 4 skills in English. The *Listen in* series aims to redress this imbalance by developing your students' **active listening** skills as they read.

**Active listening** is paying attention to a spoken text in order to fully understand the meaning of the words and the intentions of the speaker. Active listening helps students not only in their **learning**, but also in their **self-esteem** and **self-efficacy**. It teaches students to **communicate** their ideas and also to **think critically**. Plus, active listening promotes **mindfulness** and **empathy**.

Active listening skills are developed in the books, through a variety of Before, While and After Reading activities.



Working with water

breathe: move air in and out of the lungs through the mouth corals:

float: move slowly around in

## Listen in ())

Throughout each book special *Listen* in boxes focus on **pronunciation**. These activities can also be found on the **HELBLING Media App**.



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of how you say coast. Then listen and tick (/) the words to same vowel sound (coast).

glow koala saw show show

an extract from the story. Then complete the sentences rds from the box.

glow expert trip amazing few excited about waiting Professor outside dressed

was too hot! She was a \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the English spring, nd a jumper. She took her jumper off and put it in her bag. d that someone was b \_\_\_\_\_\_ for her. She looked up and line of faces. A c \_\_\_\_\_\_ people had signs with names ome back. Ted!", "We missed you, Mum". Nothing with "Rosa

out the following questions. does Rosa live?

- b if you could go to another country to study, where would you go and what would you study?
- what would you study?

  c What makes you jealous?

  d What do you want to be an expert on?
- 6 Share your answers with a friend.

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### Collecting clues with the Listen in pages

Special *Listen in* pages after each chapter get students to listen to extra dialogues which give them vital information towards solving the mystery. The activities on the pages develop active listening strategies and focus on the following listening skills:

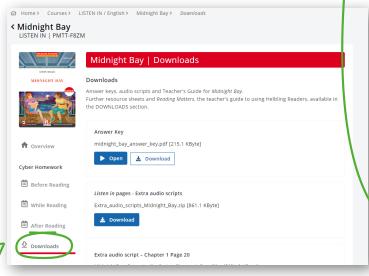
- Listening to distinguish words and expressions (discriminative listening);
- Listening for details and information (precise listening);
- Listening for general understanding (listening for gist and summarising);
- Evaluating and analysing (listening for inference).

The final activity instructs the student to "Go to HELBLING e-zone to do the activities and get a clue to help you solve the mystery."

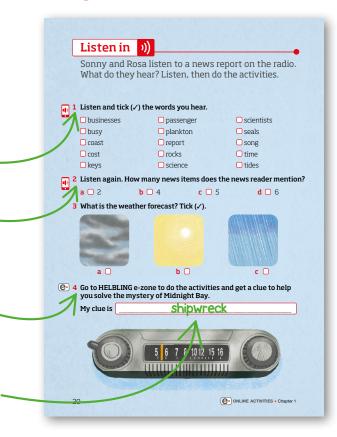
And there is a space on the page to write the collected clue.

1) On **HELBLING e-zone**, students complete the chapter quiz, then press **Submit**.

2) Once the quiz is completed correctly, they can collect the clue and write it in their *Listen in* book, or a notebook.



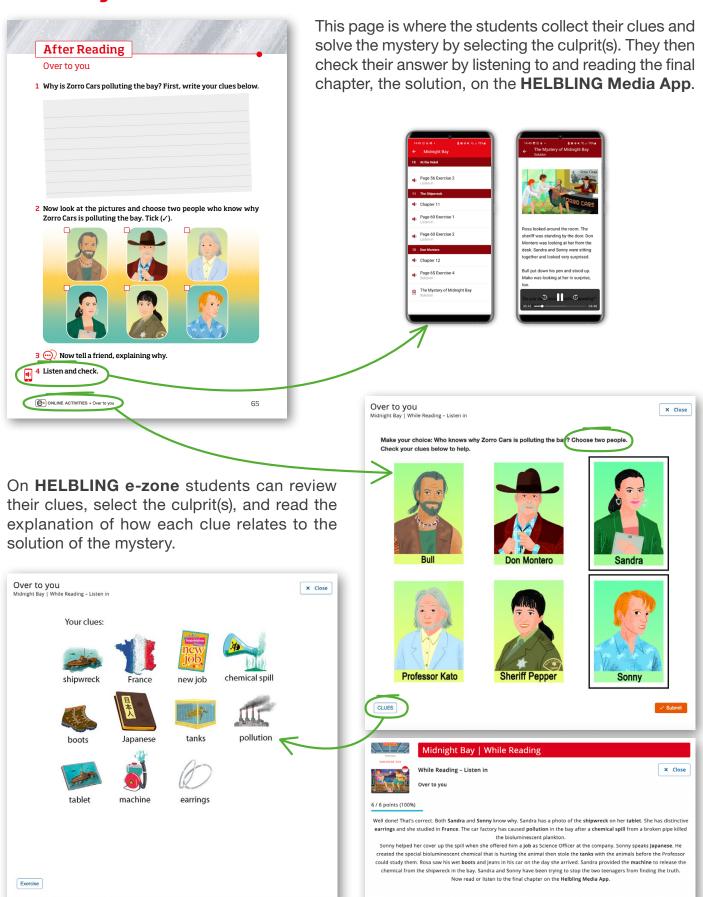
Teachers can download the scripts for these extra audios in the **Downloads** section of the book on HELBLING e-zone.





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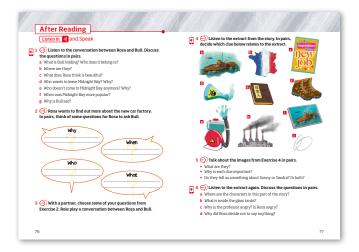
### Over to you - the solution



### **After Reading**

The After Reading activities include 3 special *Listen in* spreads:

- Listen in and Think
- Listen in and Speak
- · Listen in and Debate





#### **LISTEN IN AND THINK**

Listen in and Think gets the students to listen to the solution again, **consolidating understanding** and allowing them to think about the characters' actions.

#### **LISTEN IN AND SPEAK**

**Successful conversations** combine listening and speaking skills. The *Listen in and Speak* spreads encourage the students to listen then **share ideas** and opinions both in pairs and groups.

#### **LISTEN IN AND DEBATE**

Listen in and Debate spreads take learners from attentive listening to critical response and help develop all-important oracy skills. By teaching students to become more competent speakers and listeners, we enable them to gain a greater understanding of themselves, others and society in general.

Debating brings together listening and speaking skills in a dynamic activity where 2 teams discuss opposing opinions on a given topic. The winning team is the one with the most convincing argument, and the one who listened to and commented on the arguments of the opposing team. Debating improves **critical thinking** and **retention** and helps develop **empathy** for others' ideas.

- Students read factual information on a relevant topic, which is related to the theme of the story.
- They then listen to the opinions of some real teenagers on the same subject.
- Then deepen their understanding of the topic with further listening activities.
- Finally, they are given the opportunity to debate the topic in groups.



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### The HELBLING Media App



Wherever you find the audio app icon, there is audio content on the HELBLING Media App.

This includes the full story recording, listening activities, and the solution to the mystery (see page 4 Over to you).







Download the HELBLING Media App to your mobile device from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store, then either enter the code or scan the QR code from your *Listen in* reader to access the audio material.

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**Step 1** (For teachers and students) Log in to ezone.helbling.com Or Register as a teacher or student if you don't already have an account.

### Step 2 (For teachers)



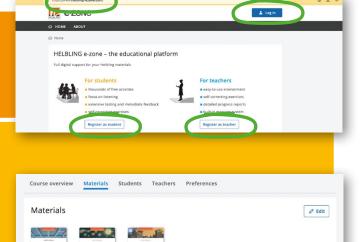
Type in your book's access code and click on "Activate code".

2. Click on "+ Assign course" to add the material to an existing course. If you need to create one first, you can do it on the COURSES page.

3. Click on the COURSES tab, select a Course, go to "Materials" and click on the book cover.

### Step 2 (For students)

- 1. Type in your book's access code and click on "Activate code"
- 2. Go to your COURSES (for teacher-managed learning) or TRAINING (for self-study) to access it.
- 3. Open the material by clicking on the book cover.





**Step 3** (For teachers and students) Go to Cyber Homework (for teachermanaged learning) or Extra Practice (for self study) and choose Before, While, or After Reading.

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