

Rehab For Adults: Auditory Training With Your Cochlear Implant Part 3

Speech Tracking

There are 4 ways to practice speech tracking

- 1. The reader reads the text and the listener follows along by listening and looking at the same text.
- 2. The reader reads the text and the listener follows along by listening to and looking at a copy of the same text. In the listeners copy of the text, some of the key words will be removed. The listener must identify these words by listening closely to the reader.
- 3. The reader reads the text and the listener follows along by listening and looking at the same text. Then the reader will pause somewhere in the text, and the listener must identify the next word and read the rest of the sentence.
- 4. The reader reads a short phrase or sentence without the listener being able to see the text. The listener repeats back the phrase or sentence from what they heard.

You can use any text for exercises 1, 3, and 4. Find your daily newspaper or a favourite book and start your practice!

Exercise 2

Below are materials you can use to practice exercise 2. For this activity we have provided passages of text for you to read. There is a 'Reader's Text' and a 'Listener's Text'. In the listener's copy of the text, some of the key words have been removed. The reader will read the passage and stop at the end of each sentence, the listener must identify the words missing from their text by listening closely to the reader. We have provided two examples to get you started. Make your own with texts you find interesting.





READER'S TEXT

Travel

Travel is something we do every day! It may be to travel to school, to the shop or to work. There are many different ways to travel. Plane, car, train, bus, motorbike, bicycle and on foot are just some of the ways people all over the world get to where they are going.

Your choice of transport will often depend on where you live, how far you are travelling and the cost of transport. Walking or riding a bicycle are the best ways to travel short distances. They are cheap, easy and keep you fit! Cars are a faster mode of transport, however they are more expensive to drive. In some cities, driving a car to work or to school may take a very long time due to traffic. This is the reason many people in cities such as Hanoi and Jakarta use motorbikes to get around.

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When Dorothy stood in the doorway and looked around, she could see nothing but the great gray prairie on every side. Not a tree nor a house broke the broad sweep of flat country that reached to the edge of the sky in all directions. The sun had baked the plowed land into a gray mass, with little cracks running through it. Even the grass was not green, for the sun had burned the tops of the long blades until they were the same gray color to be seen everywhere. Once the house had been painted, but the sun blistered the paint and the rains washed it away, and now the house was as dull and gray as everything else.





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