

Effective Listening in the Classroom

Suggested Year Levels: Middle School – High School

When to use: During class

Background: Students mind wanders, but do they even notice they are doing it. This strategy will help students become aware when they aren't concentrating

Materials:

- Scrap piece of paper

Activities / Procedures

1. Teacher Discussion: Talk about good listening techniques – sitting up straight, looking at speaker etc
2. Explain Strategy: Every time you notice your mind wander, put a tally mark on scrap paper
3. Discussion: At end of class, discuss the results. Don't get upset with students. You may be surprised at the student who aren't listening.
4. Worst offenders: Ask them lots of questions in the next class