

Name/Title: Teaching Active Listening and Speaking

Purpose of Event: To help teach students how to speak and listen properly in order to think at a higher level.

Suggested Grade Level: K-5

Materials Needed: 6 Posters ([PDF](#))



Description of Idea

I use these at the start of the year and throughout the year to help teach my students how to speak and listen to each other. There are 6 posters. We go over each poster and discuss what an active listener is. We practice the different variations of sharing and pairing. We practice using the accountable talk terms. We spend at least a few minutes each class doing some form of the sharing and accountable talk. For students to get this, it needs to be done on a regular basis. As you teach these will want to walk around and monitor them as they are engaged in conversation.

You can choose which order you wish to start discussing these with your children. Just remember to spend time with these during the first half of the year.

Below are some featured posters and there are links to each of them as PDF's so feel free to print.

Poster Titles

- Accountable Talk
- Active Listening
- Pair & Square
- Physical Learner Look Like
- Think. Pair. Share
- Turn & Talk

Featured Posters (2/6)

Accountable Talk

I agree with ...
because ...

Can you tell
me more?

I sort of disagree
because ...

Can you explain
what you mean?

Can you give
an example?

Where can I find
that in the book?

Why do you
think that?



Active Listening

1

Eyes on the speaker



2

Listen



3

Think



4

Wait for the speaker to finish



5

Respond on topic



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