

Map of the book

Unit	Listening Skills & Strategies
Unit 1 Environmental Issues P2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • take effective notes to grasp the outline of a text • use details to build up a complete picture
Unit 2 Health Care P20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize an English speaker's regional accent • infer the meaning of a word from the context
Unit 3 Crisis Management P40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand the main idea of a text as well as details • improve your note-taking skills
Unit 4 Legal Debate P58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and note down key words • use contextual clues to infer the meaning of a word • identify various points of view on a topic and trace how they are developed
Unit 5 Marriage Issues P80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify features of non-native speakers' pronunciation • work out the meanings of key words in context • summarize the main idea of a text in one sentence
Unit 6 Gender P98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make generalizations out of specific details • recognize discourse markers
Unit 7 Race and Ethnicity P116	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make generalizations from detailed information • identify the structure of a coherent discourse • identify speakers' intentions with the help of pragmatic clues
Unit 8 News and Media P134	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note down the structure of a speech
Unit 9 The Internet P154	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the implied meaning of the speaker
Unit 10 Cyber Security P174	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the key points of the listening material • infer the meanings of new words and expressions from the context
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	Critical Thinking Skills	Intercultural Competence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize speakers' intentions • use contextual clues to predict and infer • grasp and summarize the main idea of a text • compare different methods of reducing pollution around the globe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss the causes of the extinction of species around the globe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate the reliability of statistical evidence • question the causal relationship between unhealthy food and mortality levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyze the similarities and differences between Chinese and Western perspectives regarding medical practice • investigate the similarities and differences between China and other countries in terms of health beliefs • explore the importance of health care and causes of some health problems
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use contextual clues to infer speakers' intentions • identify the purpose of the listening material • evaluate facts about progress made in reducing losses caused by earthquakes • generate solutions to reduce the damage caused by natural disasters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compare ways of crisis management in different cultures • understand MSF as a typical international organization
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interpret statistics of the death penalty in the US • evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of carbon taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explore the pros and cons of legalizing the death penalty for child traffickers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • differentiate between objective and subjective claims about divorce in the US • evaluate the effectiveness of the speaker's arguments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appreciate and respect different marriage customs across cultures • explore people's attitudes toward blind date and divorce in different cultures • examine different forms of domestic violence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • infer the purpose of speakers' intentions • make inferences from what has already been said 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss gender inequality in different cultures • understand the significance of gender equality • avoid gender stereotyping and gender discrimination
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand the underlying logic of seemingly random information provided by speakers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand the significance of racial equality • appreciate cultural diversity among different races • identify and critique ways of racial stereotyping and racial discrimination
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize ways of building consensus on an issue • evaluate the reliability of news media content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify differences between real news and fake news • understand the significance of media in history and in modern society • explore the positive and negative sides of social media
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discover facts and make connections between them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand similarities and differences between Western and Chinese Internet cultures • evaluate the impact of the Internet technology on languages (English/Chinese) • make predictions about the future development of the Internet
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the purpose of the listening material • classify the different uses of the Internet • give suggestions on how to protect oneself online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compare cybercrime statistics from different countries • examine international efforts and challenges in fighting cybercrime