



LISTENING-SPEAKING COMPREHENSION SAMPLE PRACTICE AND EVALUATION TOOLS

As we were completing our pedagogical conversation on unit and lesson planning with our colleagues at the Edmonton Korean Language School, we came to focus on ideas around listening and speaking comprehension activities. Here some simple tips we shared in our meeting that you can use for your own classes. Feel free to duplicate and use.

AUDIO PAL

I use this very friendly and easy website to create simple audio files that I send to my students or post on my blogs or wikis.

- The website is: www.audiopal.com
- You can create simple and quick audio files up to one-minute in length. You can say a lot in one minute.
- Send the file to your preferred e-mail.
- Receive the link and play it or post the code on your blogs or website (you can come to IHLA's session on technology to learn how to do that!)
- Ask your students to record their own files and send them to you. The process is very simple. I add below a visual explanation on how it looks and works. Very simple and nice tool - no downloading, no sign-up and no heavy audio files!

The screenshot shows the AudioPal website interface. At the top, it says "AudioPal Beta" and "Click. Speak. Communicate. Free Website Audio for Everyone". Below that, it says "Create audio for your website with AudioPal, a free website audio software!". The main content area is divided into three steps:

- 1. ADD YOUR AUDIO**: This section has four icons: a microphone, a document, a key, and a folder. Below the icons, it says "Record Using Your Computer Mic" with a progress bar from 0 Sec to 60 Sec and a "Record" button. A callout box points to the microphone icon with the text: "Click on the microphone icon and record."
- 2. PREVIEW**: This section shows a preview of the recorded audio with a play button. A callout box points to this section with the text: "Preview your recording. If you do not like it - do it again."
- 3. GET YOUR AUDIOPAL**: This section says "We will send you an email with a link to pickup your AudioPal" and has an "Email Address:" field and a "Get It!" button. A callout box points to this section with the text: "Type your email address and receive the link to your file."

At the bottom, there are two checkboxes: "Send me AudioPal Updates" and "Send email about Oddcast releases".

Things I can say in one minute:

- A brief introduction about myself
- A simple weather report
- A phone message to a friend
- A phone message about school
- An invitation to a party
- Request a meeting
- Give a brief direction to a place
- Read a 100-word text.