

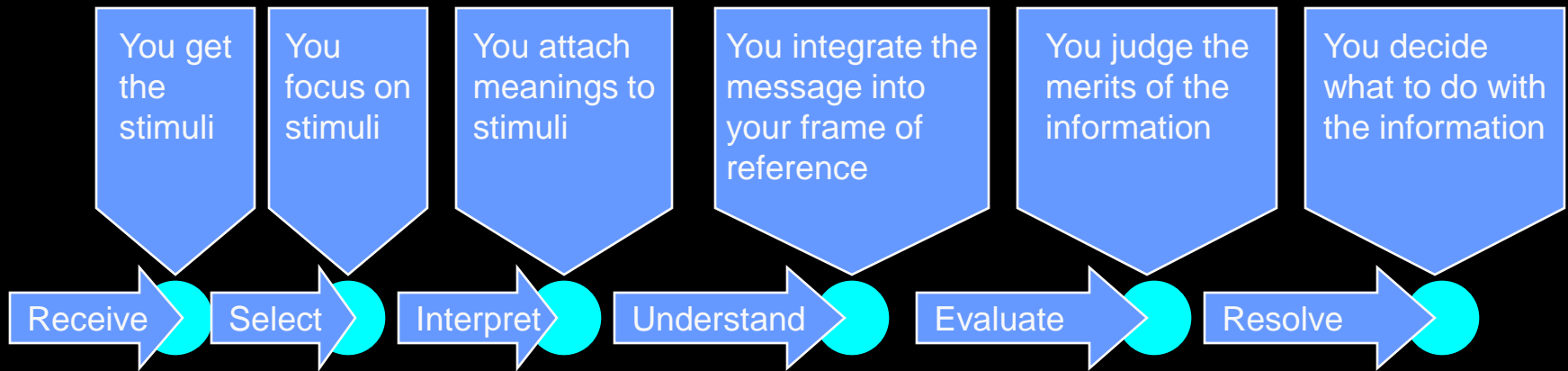


SPOKEN ENGLISH WITH



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The Process of Listening



PLANS AND EXCUSES

Abida: Let's go to a movie together.

Najeeb: I'd love to. When shall we go?

Abida: How about next Friday evening?

Najeeb: Let me see! Oh, I am sorry, I'm having dinner with a friend.

Abida: How about the following Tuesday?

Najeeb: That'd be great. What shall we see?

Abida: Let's watch Star Wars?

Najeeb: No, that's boring. How about Nikita?

Abida: Sounds good to me. When shall we meet?

A Bad Holiday

Agent: Good morning, can I help you?

Me: I'd like to make a complaint about my holiday in Portugal last week.

Agent: I'm sorry to hear that. What exactly was the problem?

Me: First of all the coach taking us to the hotel broke down and we had to wait for over two hours in the sweltering heat before a replacement arrived. Then when we got to the hotel we found our room hadn't been cleaned.

Agent: Oh dear, did you complain to the hotel staff?

Me: Of course, but we were told all the chambermaids were off duty. Anyway, that's not all. The people in the room above sounded like they were having all-night parties, every night. I demanded another room but the receptionist told me the hotel was full.

Essential Slang

Brick and mortar (physical location)

“Nowadays, many companies do not have a brick and mortar location, and are based entirely online.”

Think outside of the box (creative / innovative)

“Our boss said to think outside of the box, that means to come up with an original idea.”

Small talk (casual / polite conversation)

“Talking about the weather is a very common form of small talk.”

Throw in the towel (give up on something)

“That proposal hasn’t been accepted so just throw in the towel.”

Common Mistakes

Incorrect:

Hassan is kindness, so many people want to chat with him.

Hassan is so kind that many people want to chat with him.

Incorrect:

Had you come to Korea? Mohamed

Have you ever been to Korea, Mohamed?

Incorrect:

Mahir, are your work busy?

Mahir, do you have a busy job?

Incorrect:

I am going to a picnic.

I am going on a picnic.

Incorrect:

I am a bit in a hurry.

I am in a bit of a hurry.

Incorrect:

Would you please don't ask me this question, OK?

Would you please not ask me this question, OK?

Incorrect:

I wish I have ...

I wish I had ...

Incorrect:

Give me a favor!

Please do me a favor!

Incorrect:

Why not come yesterday?

Why didn't you come yesterday?

Incorrect:

What hobby do you like?

What is your hobby?

Incorrect:

Just now my connection have problem ...

I just had a connection problem ...

Incorrect:

He went to abroad to further his study.

He went abroad to further his study.

Incorrect:

I am sorry, my computer have a problem.

I am sorry, there is a problem with my computer.

Incorrect:

How many days left for you to quit your position?

How many days are left before you quit your job?

Incorrect:

Well, now my connection have problem.

Well, I have some problems with my connection now.

Thank you!