Larry King, the famous host of the TV series *Larry King Live*, once said, “I remind myself every morning: Nothing I say this day will teach me anything. So if I’m going to learn, I must do it by listening.” When engaged in a conversation with another person, most of us think we’re listening when in fact we are waiting for our turn to speak, hearing the words of the person flash by us but not paying attention to them or absorbing their meaning. There is a difference between hearing and paying attention. In an era when interactions with the Internet and IPhones absorb so much of our time, we notice that attention and focus are much harder to sustain. Since attention is essential to listening and learning, students must develop the skill of listening just as they develop ways to take notes and study for exams. Also, strong listening skills help us develop better speaking skills by learning to control the flow of communication between two people and among a group of people.