GROUP EXERCISE: Practice Listening

1. At the beginning of class, the instructor tells one student a sentence and asks the student to whisper it to another student. Students whisper the sentence to each other until the entire class has heard it.
2. Everyone writes down what was heard. The instructor writes it on the board or flashes it on a PowerPoint screen to see if the message changed in any way through multiple communications of it. Compare what was heard versus what was said by the instructor to the first student. Are the sentences the same?
3. In a whole group discussion, talk about the importance of active listening, challenges students have with listening skills, and techniques that can improve active listening.