



Listening 4 Ways

What is it for?

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A story-telling and listening activity that trains us to listen for different things.

Time & People

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20 - 60 minutes
5 - 50 people

Materials

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None

Source

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Melbourne Playback Theatre
Group

And...

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Activity Flow

- Get people sitting in groups of 5
- Ask them to choose who will be A, B, C, D and E

A will tell a short, true, personal story

B will listen for the story in three sentences

C will listen for the essence of the story

D will listen for a metaphor or image

E will listen for what's not said

- 'A' tells their story then each of the others takes turns to respond according to their listening task
- Do one round then swap roles and do another round - try and have time for everyone to play each role
- Instruct the group to listen to the storyteller without interruption