Apps to use for increasing Active Listening Skills
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1) [http://virtualspeechcenter.com/App/auditory_processing_studio_app](http://virtualspeechcenter.com/App/auditory_processing_studio_app)

**Auditory Processing Studio** employs a bottom-up approach. Auditory Processing Studio includes 2450 stimuli in the following activities: - Auditory Discrimination - 16 levels of difficulty. Each level contains 50 trials; making a total of 800 stimuli. - Auditory Closure - 17 levels of difficulty. Each level contains 50 trials; making a total of 850 stimuli. - Phonological Awareness - 16 levels of difficulty. Each level contains 50 trials; making a total of 800 stimuli. - Figure-Ground - The above activities can be practiced in the presence of competing noise.

Auditory Processing Studio is easy to navigate and allows users to employ several tools, enabling them to perform the following tasks: - Enter multiple students - Change settings - Select levels of difficulty - Select auto-scoring - Select alternate counts for multiple students - Enable or disable the reward - Enable or disable feedback sounds - Track correct and incorrect responses - E-mail results at the end of the game
2) **Auditory Workout**, another app developed by Virtual Speech Center, which targets the top-down approach to auditory processing disorder. (The Auditory Workout app was cited in the book by Dr. D. Geffner and Dr. D. Ross-Swain, “Auditor Processing Disorders: Assessment, Management and Treatment”.) Given our current understanding of language disorders and central auditory processing, techniques that facilitate language competence are likely to improve the auditory processing of language and vice versa (Bellis, 2009).

Auditory Workout allows children to follow increasingly longer and more complex directions and includes more than 13 levels of difficulty.

The directions are divided into four categories:
- Basic and Spatial Directions
- Quantitative directions
- Temporal directions
- Conditional Directions

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- Enter multiple students
- Change settings
• Select levels of difficulty
• Select auto-scoring
• Select alternate counts for multiple students
• Enable or disable background noise feature
• Enable or disable rewards, the basketball, and/or the games
• Enable or disable feedback sounds
• Track correct and incorrect responses
• E-mail results at the end of the game

3) **Auditory Memory Ride** is an App that allows practice of auditory memory by recognizing and recalling the following:

- **Digits and numbers** (e.g., recalling three digits or recalling two largest digits in the field of five (9 levels of difficulty)
- **Words and sentences** (e.g., recognizing/recalling two unrelated words or recognizing/recalling five to seven-word sentences (10 levels of difficulty)
- **Details** (e.g., recognizing/recalling two objects with two details (four levels of difficulty)

*Paragraphs* (six levels):
- Level 1 Yes/No Questions—three to four sentence paragraphs
- Level 2 Multiple Choice Questions—three to four-sentence paragraphs
- Level 3 Open-Ended Questions—three to four-sentence paragraphs
- Level 4 Yes/No Questions—five to seven-sentence paragraphs
- Level 5 Multiple Choice Questions—five to seven-sentence paragraphs
- Level 6 Open-Ended Questions—five to seven-sentence paragraphs

4) **School of Multi Step Directions** app was created by an SLP for children ages five to 12, to improve auditory comprehension of multi-step directions in the academic context. School of Multi Step Directions app is built around the theme of school and allows children to follow increasingly longer and more complex multi-step unrelated directions in three different “classroom” settings such as English, Math and Chemistry Lab. The children are welcomed by the professor, who encourages them to work hard as they will be rewarded with “recess,” during which they can play a game of pong.

School of Multi Step Directions app includes over 1000 recorded directions. The directions included in this app are:

- **English classroom**
- 2-step, 3-step and 4-step of unrelated directions with multiple levels of difficulty. Stimuli include: pictures, letters, and written words with color, size, and temporal concepts. For example, “Underline the red letter A and erase the blue letter C.”
Math classroom
2-step, 3-step and 4-step of unrelated directions with multiple levels of difficulty. Stimuli include: shapes, number, concepts, size, color, odd, even, bigger than, and smaller than. For example, “If 10 is bigger than 9, highlight 4 and underline 6, if not, cross out 2 and touch 1.”

Chemistry Lab
2-step, 3-step and 4-step unrelated directions with multiple levels of difficulty. Children will have fun “making experiments.” For example, “Set the temperature to cold, shake the flask, and add water to the cup.”

Auditory Figure-Ground
The above activities can be practiced in the presence of competing noise, making it one of many ideal Apps for children with (Central) Auditory Processing Disorder.

SOURCE for above 4 Apps: [http://virtualspeechcenter.com/app](http://virtualspeechcenter.com/app)

5) **Functional Listening** By Virtual Speech Center Inc.
Functional Listening app includes listening exercises with everyday messages that might be heard throughout the day at different settings such as store, doctor’s office, school, etc. $14.99

6) **Following Directions** (school-aged to adult) by Teach Speech Apps $3.99

Following Directions by Teach Speech Apps helps develop the skills needed to help boost memory, motor, and auditory processing skills with simple one step directions, two step complex commands including (first / then, before / after), inclusion / exclusion, conditional and motor-skill based directions. This app is great for working on language, auditory processing, vocabulary, memory, receptive language, attention and focus.
This interactive app helps individuals learn following directions in a fun and engaging way. Four activities include:
- One step directions - drag and drop
- Two step directions - choose from 4 pictures
- Inclusion / Exclusion - choose from 6 pictures
- Motor-skill based and conditional directions
- Voice rate option
- Aligned with the Common Core Standards
- No ads
- No in-app purchases