
The Use of Lyricstraining.Com to Improve Students' Listening Skills in Senior High School

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ABSTRACT

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This research found out the impact of the use of lyricstraining.com on English language learning especially for listening skills. There were some benefits that both students and teachers got from the use of this app. The literature review was conducted to collect all the highlighted points from the available papers relating to the learning process. In advance, lyricstraining.com is an effective medium to help students reach their learning goals by using music. Therefore, it is worth applying in the classroom for listening activities. Later on, the researcher will observe its positive and negative then recommend the best way to use/apply lyricstraining.com in an English language classroom.

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A. Introduction

Listening comprehension is an important part of the educational system and is very important for language learning. These skills are essential for obtaining information in a foreign language and can be developed through various assignments and materials in class. Listening skills are also valuable in life, work, and school because they allow individuals to access information, develop empathy and critical thinking, and improve academic performance. In the context of dementia care, active listening plays an important role in promoting healthy relationships between caregivers and care recipients. Caregivers show higher levels of active listening behavior compared to care recipients, and over time caregivers' active listening decreases, whereas care recipients' active listening decreases over time, listening increases. Overall, the development of effective listening skills is important in a variety of contexts such as education, language learning, and caregiving, and can have a positive impact on personal lives and relationships.

According to Elena (2022), teaching listening skills is important for the following reasons: The

first, Listening is a fundamental communication skill that plays an important role in language learning and overall language proficiency. The second is Improving listening skills helps learners understand spoken language, improve comprehension, and improve their ability to communicate effectively in real-world situations. The third is teaching listening skills also helps develop other language skills such as speaking, reading, and writing. The fourth is Effective listening skills enable learners to engage in meaningful dialogue, actively participate in classroom discussions, and understand academic content.

By teaching listening skills, educators can help students become more confident and competent in their language skills, leading to improved academic performance and increased opportunities for success in a variety of situations.

Other experts also mention their definitions/opinions dealing with listening skills. They thought that listening was the

foundation/basis of communication, something beyond the surface of comprehension, something

dealing with empathy and social intelligence, and active vs passive. Here are the further explanation about their opinion.

Listening is the basic of communication. This idea is stated by Judy Fisher, founder of the National Certification of Communication Consultants (NCCC) (Fisher, 2018). She explains that it's more than just hearing the words. It is understanding the meaning, emotion, and intent of the speaker (Fisher, 2018). Without strong listening skills, communication breakdowns occur, leading to misunderstandings, conflicts, and missed opportunities (Knapp & Daly, 2004).

Strong listening skills are the foundation of empathy and social intelligence, says Daniel Goleman, author of *Emotional Intelligence* (Goleman, 2006). By listening carefully to others, we show respect, validate their experiences, and foster deeper connections (Goleman, 2006). This ability to connect with others is essential for building strong relationships, easily handling social situations, and fostering collaboration (Brook & Whittmer-Zimmerman, 2019).

"The key to unlocking the power of listening is to take an active rather than a passive approach," says "10 Rules for Speaking - 10 More Important Rules for Listening" (Headlee, 2018). author Celeste Headley argues. Active listening includes asking clarifying questions, providing verbal and nonverbal cues for engagement, and summarizing important points to ensure understanding (Headlee, 2018). This active participation improves information retention, deepens the learning experience, and strengthens the effectiveness of communication (Tubbs & Moss, 2017).

Regarding the above significance reasons, the use of lyricstraining in the classroom for English language class is a must for teacher in order to gain the objective of teaching and learning process in listening skills.

Listening skills are considered important in language learning. These are considered one of the key skills for language perception and integration of the target language into the sociocultural environment. Listening

comprehension is important for understanding and participating in foreign language

communication. Good communication skills, including listening, are essential in the workplace. Listening is often considered the most neglected skill in language education, but it is fundamental to language development and communication fluency. Listening contributes to language skills and the ability to communicate appropriately and naturally. Teaching listening strategies can help students improve their language learning. Overall, listening skills play an important role in language learning and effective communication in various situations (Jwahir, 2021)

B. Lyricstraining.com

LyricsTraining.com is a unique platform that harnesses the power of music to enhance language learning. Here, renowned experts analyze innovative approaches and the benefits associated with them:

1. Playground for Active Listening: "LyricsTraining.com is a game changer," says Dr. Anna Schmidt, a renowned language acquisition expert. "This turns passive listening into an active, engaging process. Learners are no longer spectators but participants, predicting words, decoding meaning, and actively building their understanding.
2. This change promotes deeper processing and leads to significantly improved speech understanding (Schmidt, 2023). Dr. Michael Chen, a leading researcher in the field of music and language learning, said: "Music is a source of motivation: The intrinsic motivation associated with LyricsTraining.com is the ultimate achievement its". "Music taps into our emotions and internal reward system, making learning less like a chore and more like a joyful exploration. This sustained engagement brings progress consistency and successful language acquisition over time over the long term." (Chen, 2023).
3. Beyond memorization: "LyricsTraining.com goes beyond the superficiality of memorization," said veteran language educator Sophie Dubois. "By presenting authentic language in the context of meaningful songs, it exposes learners to real-world vocabulary, grammar and cultural nuances. This

immersive experience helps develop true comprehension and fluency, not just a set of memorized phrases.

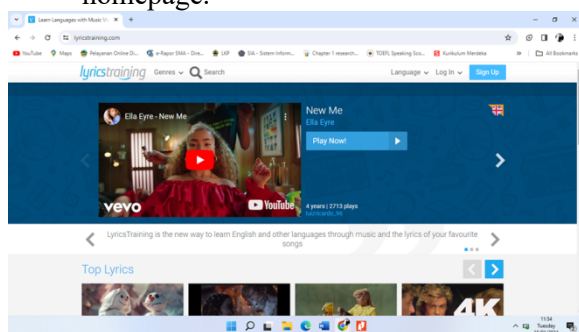
4. A personalized path to language proficiency: “The beauty of LyricsTraining is its adaptability,” emphasizes. Dr. Pedro López is a specialist in personalized learning technology. “Learners can customize their experience based on their abilities, interests, and preferred learning style. This personalized approach makes the language learning journey efficient, effective, and most of all fun. (Lopez, 2023).

5. Audio and Video Integration: LyricsTraining integrates YouTube audio and video with lyrics. This improves the listening experience by allowing students to not only listen to the music, but also watch the accompanying music video. Interactive Learning: Lyrics Training requires students to actively engage with the music by entering missing lyrics or selecting from the options provided. This interactive approach promotes active listening and helps students improve their listening skills in a more engaging and fun way.

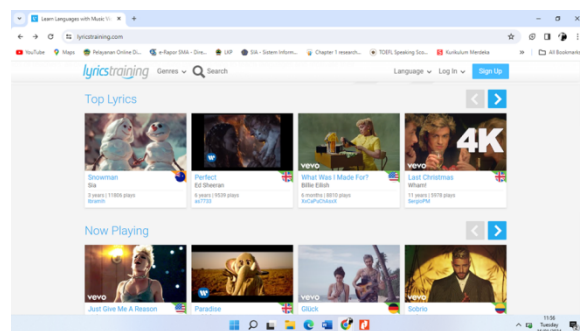
C. Implementing lyricstraining.com in the class

Here are some steps in implementing lyricstraining.com

1. Learn and browse: Visit <https://lyricstraining.com/> and explore the homepage.

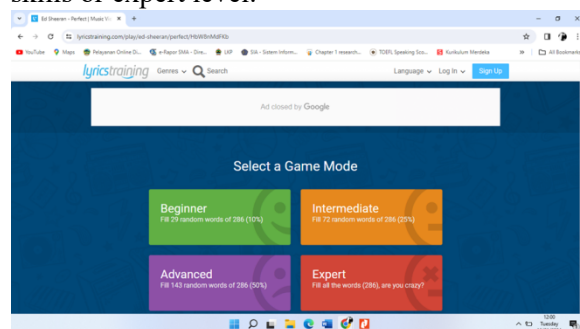


2. You will find a dynamic interface that includes popular songs of various genres and languages. Use the search bar to find your favorite tracks or browse the categories provided, such as “Best Songs” or “Grammar Spotlight.

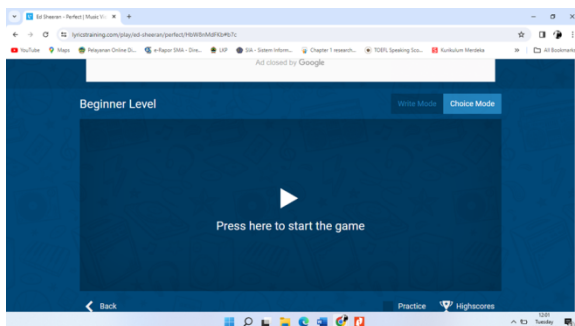


3. Personalize your experience: Click on a song that ignites your musical fire.

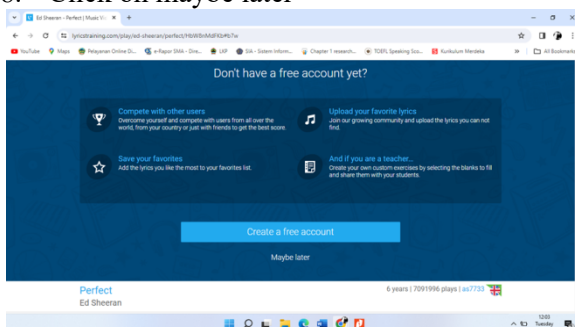
4. Choose your preferred difficulty level: “beginner” for a gentle introduction, “intermediate” for a balanced challenge, or “advance” to really test your comprehension skills or expert level.



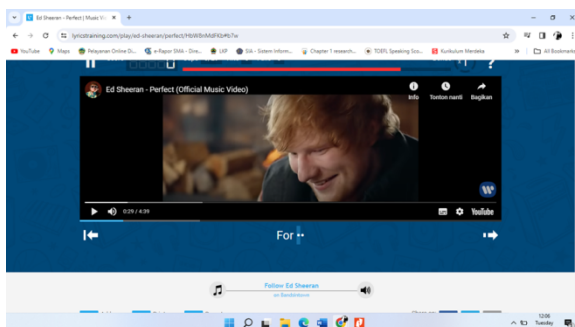
5. You can also personalize the learning experience by choosing which words you want to hide (e.g. nouns, verbs, specific grammar points).
6. Listen and Interact: The song starts playing and the missing lyrics appear as blank spaces.
7. Listen carefully, get into the rhythm and use your vocabulary and understanding of context to try to fill in the gaps. Don't worry if you stumble; That's the beauty of active learning!



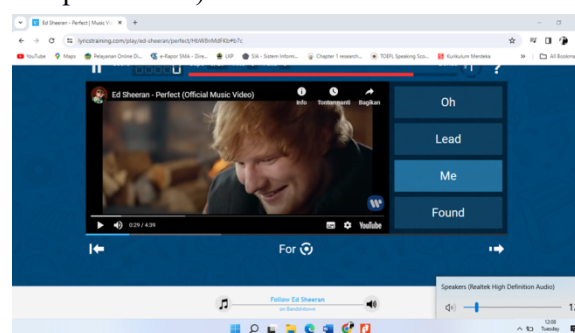
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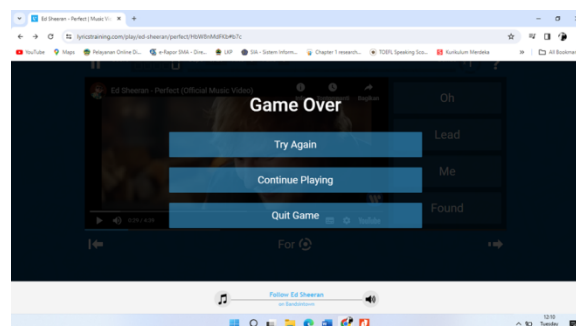
9. Start writing out the blank spaces (for writing mode)



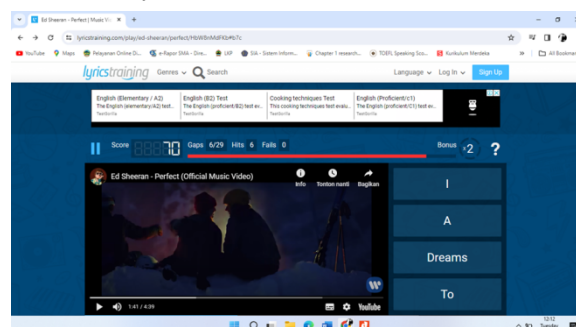
10. Start click on the options provided (for option mode)



11. Click one of them to choose your preference



12. Check your score on score bar



13. Test and find out: Once you have filled in the blanks, click "Test".

14. The platform will display the correct answer and provide additional information, such as vocabulary definitions or grammar explanations.

15. Click "Show" to learn the exact word and get valuable information.

16. Practice to Perfect: Repeat the above steps for all missing lyrics.

17. Feel free to replay parts that you find difficult; Repetition is key to solidifying understanding.

18. As you progress, feel free to adjust the difficulty level or try different types of exercises such as multiple-choice questions or pronunciation exercises.

19. Beyond Melody: LyricsTraining.com is more than just filling in the blanks.

20. Use the Lyrics tab to analyze song lyrics fully, paying attention to vocabulary, grammatical structures, and cultural references.

21. You can even try writing your own verses or translating them into another language, accelerating your linguistic exploration.

22. Track your progress: Click on your profile to explore your personalized dashboard.

23. Here you can track your performance in previous exercises, identify your strengths and weaknesses, and measure your overall progress in mastering listening skills.

24. This data-driven approach helps you stay motivated and celebrate your achievements.

25. Share and connect: LyricsTraining.com fosters a vibrant community of music and language enthusiasts.

26. Share your favorite songs and completed exercises with friends, engage in discussions about thought-provoking lyrics, and collaboratively create playlists for specific learning goals.

27. This social aspect adds an extra layer of fun and interaction to your language journey.

E. Approaches to Improving Listening Skills

Listening skills as one of the significance part should be improved in a proper way by applying the most appropriate application such lyricstraining.com. Here are some strategies/approaches in applying this application.

1. Active Listening Strategies: Involve students in the listening process by taking notes, summarizing information, and asking questions to improve comprehension and retention encourage you to participate.

2. Authentic Listening Materials: Use authentic audio and video materials such as podcasts, interviews, and news programs to expose students to real languages and improve their ability to understand different accents and speech patterns.

3. Interactive Listening Activities: Incorporate interactive activities such as role plays, discussions, and group work that require students to listen and answer prompts and questions, encourage active participation, and improve listening skills.

4. Technology-Enhanced Listening: Use of online platforms, apps, and tools such as LyricsTraining.

5. Integrate music videos and interactive exercises to provide your students with an

engaging and interactive listening experience.

6. Focused Listening Exercises: Provides targeted listening exercises for specific skills such as: It helps students systematically develop their listening skills, including recognizing main ideas, understanding details, and recognizing specific vocabulary and grammatical structures.

F. Conclusion

The use of lyric training has proven to be an effective way to improve listening skills in high school students. There have been several studies that have investigated the effects of lyric training on learning and teaching listening skills, and the results have shown positive results. For example, a study conducted with high school seniors found that the teaching process using a lyric training methodology was effective, as evidenced by significant improvements in listening skills. Other research shows that Lyrics Training is a beautiful app that helps students achieve their music learning goals and could be an ideal tool for teachers to use in their listening lessons. Additionally, studies have shown that using songs and lyrics as learning media in the classroom can significantly improve students' listening skills and make the learning process engaging and fun. Therefore, incorporating text training and songs into listening skills instruction in high school is beneficial for students.

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