Conversational Listening Exercises

Practice listening:

- 1. Someone says something
- 2. Say back to them what they said. It doesn't have to be exact.
- 3. If you were right, the person will tell you.
- 4. If you were wrong, they will say it again.
- 5. Again, say back to them what they said. It doesn't have to be exact.
- 6. If you were right, the person will tell you.
- 7. If you were wrong, try again in the same way as before...keep going until you get it right.

Practice asking back. Remember- your questions always have to be about what the other person said:

- 1. Start the listening exercise.
- 2. After you know you got the person's message, ask a question about it.
- 3. Listen to the person's answer.
- 4. Ask another question about their answer.
- 5. Keep doing this over and over again. How many questions can you ask? Try to ask as many as you can. It is good practice!

Practice adding-a comment. Remember- your comments always have to be about what the other person said:

- 1. Start the listening exercise.
- 2. After you know you got the person's message, add a comment about it.
- 3. Listen to the person's answer.
- 4. Add another comment about their answer.
- 5. Keep doing this over and over again. How many comments can you add? Try to ask as many as you can. It is good practice!