



Tool: Listen

Title: Body Act

Objective: Students will learn what their bodies look like when they are listening.

Materials: Board or overhead

Activity: 1. Lead student into brainstorming a list of model body language to use when listening and have student demonstrate each of them. The list should include most of the following and others.

- Body facing speaker
- Look at speak
- Nod your head occasionally
- Ask for clarification or rephrase the ideas of the speak
- Keep your hands at rest in your lap or on your desk

2. Ask student to form a partnership (2-3 students) for skits. Have them create a skit based on the improper and proper actions for one of the following prompts:

- You are telling your friend about your winning goal at last night's game
- You are really excited about your social studies field trip and are trying to tell your parent about it but they are distracted.
- You are trying to ask a teacher for a homework assignment.
- Your locker partner has been unfair about sharing space; you are now trying to discuss this with him/her.
- Your parent is trying to tell you about the chores you will need to do on Saturday.

3. Select groups to perform skits for the whole class. If you run out of time, some group may have to perform the next day

Closure: Ask the following question to the whole class:

“What were some similarities and differences in the skits presented?”