

# Listen up!

## Use VTS to Develop Listening



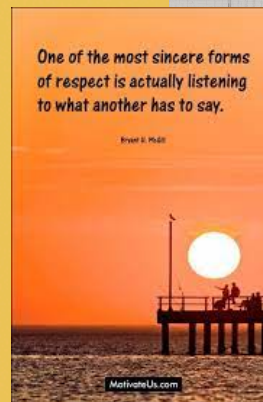
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"A culture that promotes generous listening, empathy, and curiosity promotes social emotional health and leads to empowerment of learning and problem-solving."  
~Listen with Generosity & Curiosity

We all want to be heard. Your students often seek you out because you listen. Listening impacts the classroom culture. How can VTS help? The nature of VTS sessions encourage students to listen, to connect, and to speak. These qualities can go beyond session time!

### Try These Ideas...

- Like our VTS facilitators, use paraphrasing to restate student responses in class discussions.
- Use turn and talk to encourage quiet students to share with peers.
- Give students time to share thinking about visual materials in your room such as book covers, math models, and text features like maps and charts.
- Point out when students connect with others.



### Communication & Collaboration Standard (CC.1):

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) on grade-appropriate topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing personal ideas clearly. (Essential)