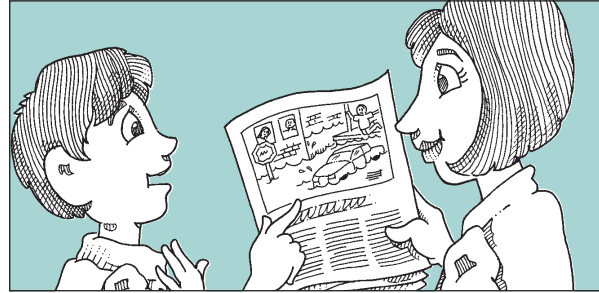


Teach Your Child the Secret of Active Listening



Active listening is a way of listening so that true understanding is achieved. The following pointers will help your child learn active listening skills and increase his learning in school:

- **Take turns talking.** Only one person gets to talk at a time. The first person shares his ideas, and the second person listens carefully.
- **Focus on the speaker.** Look at him, make eye contact, and nod occasionally to show that you understand. Concentrate on what he's saying.
- **Summarize the speaker's ideas.** Summarize his main points, or ask questions to make sure you understand. Only then you can share your thoughts.
- **It's your turn!** Now you talk and your partner



listens carefully. He must summarize your ideas before he gets to speak again. Active listening is not just limited to two people! Try it with the whole family when there's a disagreement—it's a great way to resolve conflicts.