Hear and Listen Exercise

- I heard a strange noise – involuntary; you have no control over what you hear
- I was hearing a sound - We don’t use hear in the continuous form
- I’ve heard of that film – You have some information about it
- I listen to classical music when I’m working – Your choice; you control what you listen to

A Fill the gaps with the correct forms of hear and listen.

1 Have you .................................. about the floods in Texas?
2 A: Are you .................................. to me?
   B: No.
3 Listen! I can .................................. something.
4 I .................................. funny noises during the night.
5 Don’t .................................. to a word he says. He’s a liar.
6 I .................................. to the news on the radio every morning.
7 Otis Reading, ‘I .................................. it through the grapevine.’
8 I’m sorry. I didn’t .................................. what you said.
9 Sorry. I wasn’t ...............................
10 If you want to hear what he’s saying, you’ll have to .................................. very carefully.
11 That’s the last thing I wanted to ...............................
12 Did you .................................. about what happened to Simon?
13 I’ve been .................................. to BBC Radio 4 a lot recently.
14 I .................................. about that on Voice of America radio station?
15 She’s one of those people who never really .............................. to what you’re saying.
16 I told you that would happen. Why don’t you ..............................?
17 His diction is appalling. I can never .................................. a word he says.

B Now make up some examples of your own.

1 .......................................................................................................................
2 ............................................................................................................................
3 ................................................................................................................................
4 ............................................................................................................................
Answers

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4 I heard funny noises during the night.
5 Don't listen to a word he says. He's a liar.
6 I listen to the news on the radio every morning.
7 Otis: I heard it through the grapevine.
8 I'm sorry. I didn't hear what you said.
9 Sorry, I wasn't listening.
10 If you want to hear what he's saying, you'll have to listen very carefully.
11 That's the last thing I wanted to hear.
12 Did you hear about what happened to Simon?
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