



## Hear and Listen Exercise

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

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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 .....
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### B Now make up some examples of your own.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....





## Answers

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