

Trap-Alert Checklist

Pre-, While-, and Post-Listening Traps: Awareness & Strategy Tracker

Use this checklist to help your students recognize and neutralize listening traps at all three stages of the listening process.

Stage	Common Traps	Strategy Prompts	Teacher Notes
Pre-Listening	• False expectations • Vocabulary overload • Anxiety before listening	→ Ask students to predict using title/images → Pre-teach only key anchor words → Set a clear listening goal	Ensure predictions are reason-based, not random.
While-Listening	• Focus on unknown words • Losing track after missing a word • Getting stuck on accent/speed	→ Use listening codes (↑ surprise, ≠ contrast, → reason) → Apply 'three-play' rule (gist/detail/verify) → Encourage approximation instead of stopping	Remind students that not every word needs to be understood.
Post-Listening	• Checking only correct answers • Ignoring distractors • No reflection on process	→ Ask for evidence-based answers → Discuss why distractors mislead → Have learners restate with so-what / call-forward links	Turn errors into discussion moments.

14-Day Home Practice Plan

Even days → Gist listening & code marking

Odd days → Detail listening & note two potential traps

Every 4th day → Post-Listening reflection + selective shadowing

Evidence Log

Use this space to record examples of traps noticed and how they were resolved.