

## Sorry, what did you say?

A workshop on Listening Skills

with Evelina Miščin

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Venue: Euro Akademie, **Olgastraße 86**, Stuttgart (please note that this is their new address!)

Some studies show that 45% of our communication goes to listening. But, how many times have you been introduced to somebody and immediately forgotten his/her name? Do you find it difficult to concentrate on listening? Today, when we are all exposed to a multitude of visual devices it is difficult to concentrate only on a spoken word.

My business English students particularly have a problem with that and that is why I started using some of the activities to enhance their listening abilities. These activities include many games designed to help in improving listening skills, specifically, to teach students to understand what is important and not to concentrate on every word. Also, they should help students who cannot listen for a long period of time without getting tired. They should also help in keeping up with all the information, trying to help students to think ahead or predict.

In this workshop activities among others will include warm up activities for listening, listening activities for giving instructions, activities for improving the skill of asking and answering questions, both for elementary and advanced students, as well as activities done during listening. Also, participants will get some business texts for listening and will have to prepare in groups the activities they might find useful following the instructions.



About the speaker:

Evelina Miščin works at College of Business and Management "Baltazar Adam Krčelić" in Zaprešić, Croatia as a senior lecturer and also at School of Medicine in Zagreb as a part-time teacher. She has a PhD in linguistics. Her particular areas of interest are ESP, especially business and medical English, collocations, using technology in teaching. She is the author of a few secondary school textbooks and dictionaries.