# **Listening for accuracy with JAWS**

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Tip #1: For improving listening speed, practice a method called "skimming". This is when you only listen for the first 2-3 words of an item before moving on with either tab or the arrows, this will improve your ability to pick important information out from the noise.

Tip #2: If you want to improve how fast you can understand a screen reader, increase the speech rate by 5 percent a week until it's a little challenging to understand every word and then drop it back by five percent and stay there for several weeks and slowly over time, you will vastly improve your listening speed.

Tip #3: Listen to at least 20 minutes of synthesized speech a day to maximize your comprehension and listening ability.

Tip #4: To adjust the speech rate of JAWS on the fly use "control, alt, windows plus page down or page up" respectively.

Tip #5: Try changing voices to maximize listening speed, I love Eloquence but others might do better with female or other sounding voices.

Tip #6: Open your favorite website, go to the top with "control home" perform a read all command, "JAWS modifier key plus down arrow" and see how much information you can successfully gather while JAWS reads the entire page.

To change the verbosity in JAWS? Press JAWS key V for quick settings or you can get there through the settings center under the utilities tab in JAWS.