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Review

"This book has much to recommend it. It has summaries of relevant up-to-date research, a variety of theoretical perspectives on listening, as well as excellent teaching plans and ideas for developing listening skills and strategies inside and outside the classroom." ? **Lawrence Jun Zhang, University of Auckland, System**

"This text can be used as a reference book for teachers and professionals in the field as well as a textbook for teacher education courses at the MA and PhD levels. The book will be of great value to scholars interested in the metacognitive development of a language skill as well as those focusing on learner strategy development." ? **Maren Uggen, Kalamazoo College, SSLA**

"A great resource to be used in teacher education programs as well as by current teachers who may be less familiar with explicit and structured metacognitive listening instruction in their classroom." ? **Caroline Payant, University of Idaho, TESL Canada**

"This comprehensive work delivers what it promises: a thorough examination of listening comprehension, from theory to application, to implementation, and including descriptions of concrete class activities. Woven throughout is the informing thread of metacognition. This work would not only be appropriate as a textbook for a course on listening, it could well serve as its syllabus." ? **Catherine C. Baumann, University of Chicago, The Modern Language Journal**

"Vandergrift and Goh's book is an invaluable resource for L2 teachers and researchers who seek to understand the processes underlying L2 listening and how these processes feed into methods for enhancing instructional effectiveness and, ultimately, for optimizing learners' L2 listening experiences." ? **Talia Isaacs, University of Bristol, Canadian Modern Language Review**

"This volume offers a clear and informative account of the issues that arise when teaching L2 listening and some of the key considerations teachers need to make. In addition, the authors provide the readers with a well-developed pedagogical framework from which to approach this topic in the classroom and in essence make their volume an exercise in using this metacognitive framework as a means of presenting their materials and causing the readers to engage more fully with the text. The presentation of pedagogical tasks developed by the authors as well as the way that they situate these tasks and the subject matter of each chapter within the relevant literature is an asset of this book. By doing this, Vandergrift and Goh help the readers to make clear connections between the listening process, the metacognitive framework, and classroom application, something that could have potentially been very difficult to accomplish for those new to this topic without some sort of aid." ? **Justin Cubilo, University of Hawai'i at Ma'noa, Applied Linguistics**

"Teaching and Learning Second Language Listening should be read by teachers who want to teach their students how to listen rather than simply check their comprehension. Teachers will be delighted with the wealth of practical ideas, sample lesson plans, and accompanying worksheets. Students in teacher-training

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