

## Listening

Fast Talker

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### 1. . Predict what the podcast is about

In this interview, Colleen Ross interviews Professor Ray Hull. He teaches in a University Department called Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Can you predict the kinds of things that Professor Hull might teach or study in his Department? Here are some examples.

*He might teach people... how to speak clearly.*

*Maybe he teaches ...people with speech impediments or problems.*

*Another thing he might study is...how people learn to speak a language.*

*I have no idea what he might teach or study.*

*Beats me what he might teach or study. (informal)*

### 2. Get ready to listen

In this podcast, you will hear three speakers. You will hear:

Marcy Markusa – host

Colleen Ross – interviewer

Ray Hull – Professor in the Department of Communications Sciences and Disorders, University of Wichita, Kansas.

### 3. Listen for Main Ideas and Detail

Read the questions before you listen to the podcast. When you listen to the podcast the first time, listen for the main ideas. When you listen a second time, listen for the details to answer the questions below. Use point form to keep your answers brief.

1. What has changed about the way people speak in the last decade?
  - they're speaking faster
2. What does Professor Hull help people do?
3. How many words a minute do people typically speak today?
4. What groups have difficulty when people speak very quickly?
5. Why does Professor Hull think television news broadcasters need to slow down their speaking rate?
6. What strategies can someone use if they want to speak more slowly?

<http://www.cbc.ca/manitoba/eal/2011/11/lesson-73-living-in-a-fast-speaking-world.html>