



Silent Sound System® Classroom Literacy Series

Lesson 1: Listening Literacy Stations with Audiobooks

Grade Levels

K–5 (adaptable by reading level)

Duration

30–45 minutes

Equipment Needed

- Silent Sound System headphones
- Silent Sound System transmitter
- Tablet, Chromebook, laptop, or smartphone
- Audiobook MP3 files
- Printed comprehension worksheets or discussion prompts
- Optional read-along printed stories

Learning Objectives

- Improve listening comprehension skills.
- Practice focused attention without classroom distractions.
- Build vocabulary and reading fluency.
- Demonstrate understanding through discussion, drawing, or written responses.
- Experience differentiated learning through individualized audio content.

Why Silent Sound System?

The Silent Sound System creates a focused learning environment where students can listen without distractions, work at their own pace, and engage with content matched to their reading level.

Recommended Free Audiobook Resources

- Storynory – Fairy tales, folk tales, mythology, and educational stories.
- Lit2Go – Classic literature with downloadable PDFs and MP3s.
- Sooper Books – Modern children's stories and short listening sessions.
- LibriVox – Public-domain chapter books, fables, and classics.
- Loyal Books – Children's novels, fairy tales, and adventure stories.

- Libby – Access to modern audiobooks through local libraries.

Kindergarten–Grade 2 Activity: Story Listening Adventure

1. Students put on Silent Sound System headphones.
2. Teacher plays a 5–10 minute story.
3. Students listen independently.
4. Students draw their favorite character or scene and discuss the story.

Grades 3–5 Activity: Listening & Comprehension Challenge

1. Students listen to a 10–20 minute audiobook chapter.
2. Students complete a response sheet.
3. Students summarize the chapter and predict what happens next.

Differentiation Opportunities

Channel 1 – Beginning Readers

Channel 2 – On-Level Readers

Channel 3 – Advanced Readers

Assessment

- Participation
- Listening comprehension worksheets
- Drawings and discussions
- Exit tickets and retelling activities

Real-World Benefits

Students practice active listening, focus, reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and independent learning while experiencing a distraction-free educational environment.