

Listening Skills

Exercise

1. tangent
2. novelty
3. preconceived
4. rapport
5. passer-by
6. betray
7. surge
8. unwittingly
9. discrepancies
10. compassionate

Listen to the audio and try to fill the 'blanks' with words from the box below:

snowball	tangent	novelty	discrepancies
compassionate	rapport	repercussions	preconceived
giveaway	betray	passer-by	freshen up
surge	burdensome	gold standard	unwittingly

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Use the transcripts below if you need them!

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