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1.3 Listening for Main Ideas

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➤ Aim:

- Able to understand straightforward factual information about common everyday topics.

➤ Expected Outcome:

- Able to transfer information from general listening texts to non-linear forms using accurate language.

➤ Other related Information:

- Extensive listening
- Intensive listening

1.3 Types of Listening

1

- Listening for Main Idea
- Grasp the main points or general ideas

2

- Listening for Specific Information
- Focus on very specific points

3

- Listening in Detail
- Understand all the information

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- Provide basis for speaking, reading and writing skills.
- Comprehend the main ideas of spoken information.
- Listen in a general way to understand the gist of content.
- Know the main points without focusing much to the specific information given.

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Organisation of Ideas in a Text:

1) Introduction:

- General statement
- Thesis statement: Main ideas

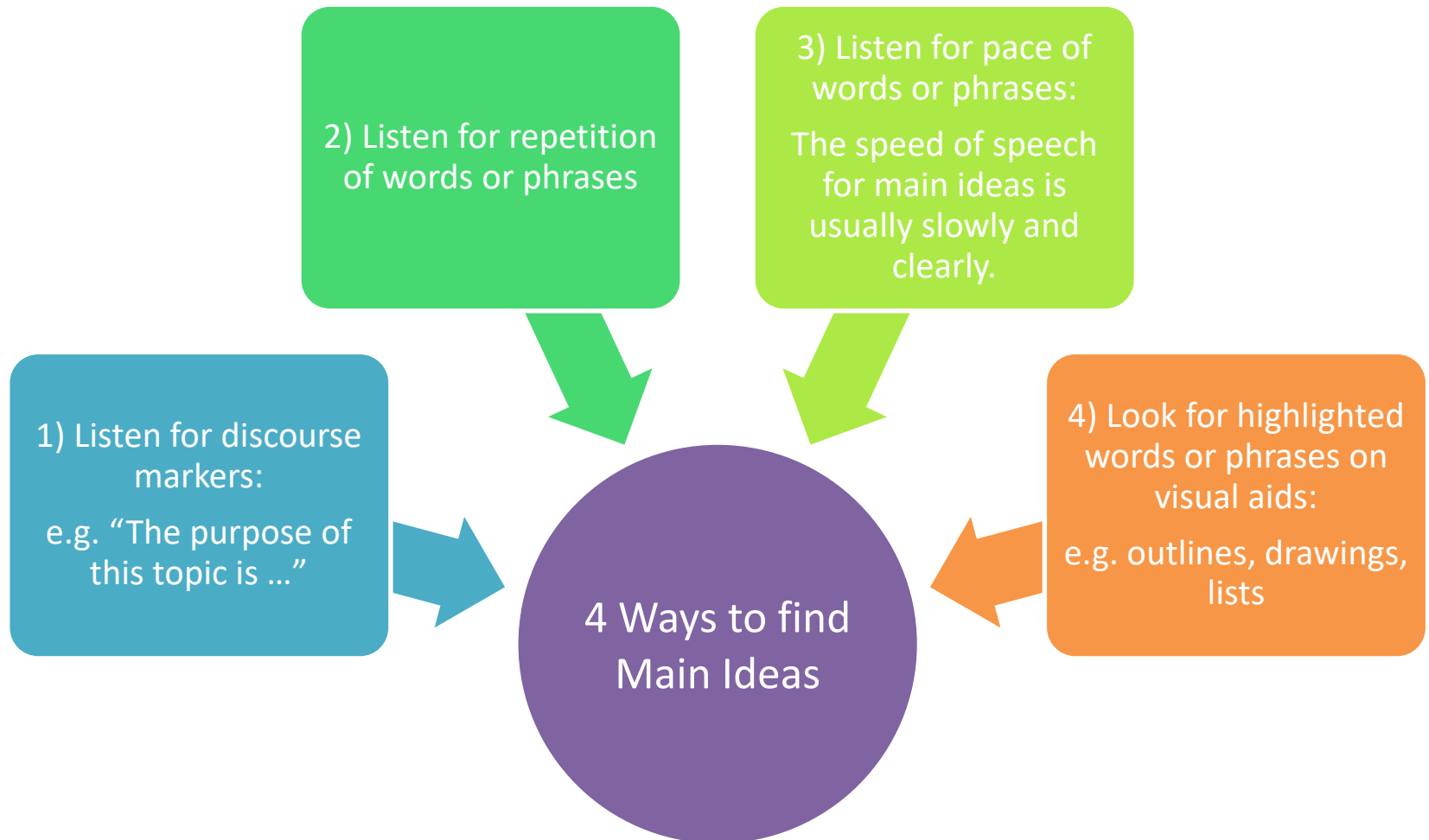
2) Body:

- Main Ideas: Elaboration and examples

3) Conclusion:

- Restatement of thesis statement: Summary of main ideas

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Conclusion

4 tips to listen better:

- 1) Pay more attention and be attentive to the listening text.
- 2) Listen with a purpose and look for the key words.
- 3) Decide which information is important and related to the tasks.
- 4) Make an educated guess for unfamiliar words according to its context.

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