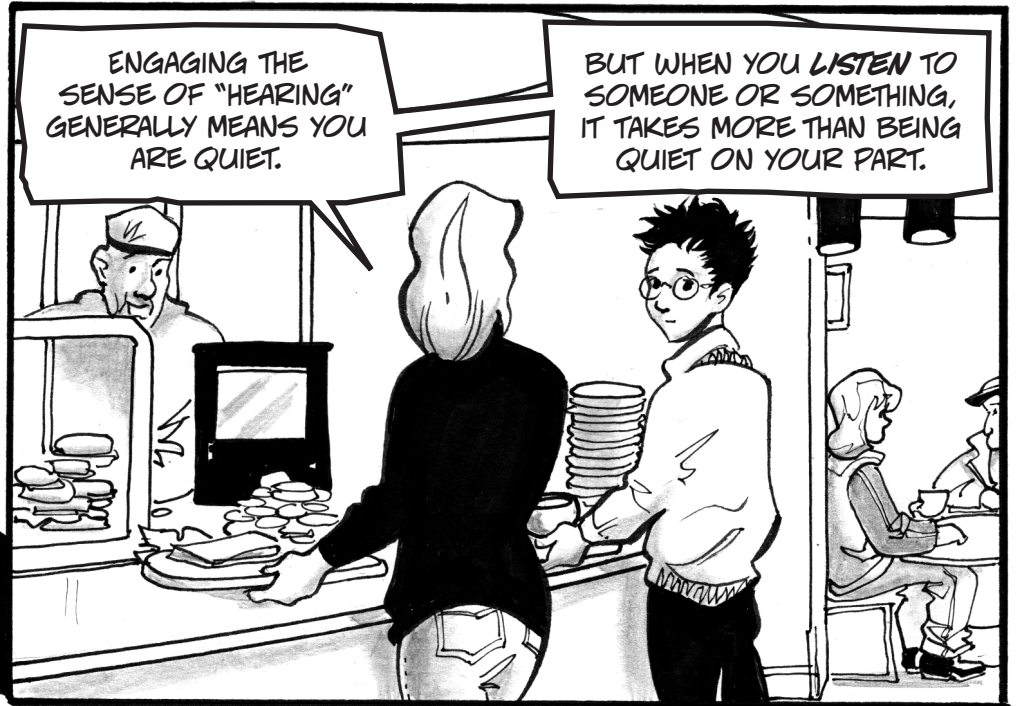


The Generous Listener

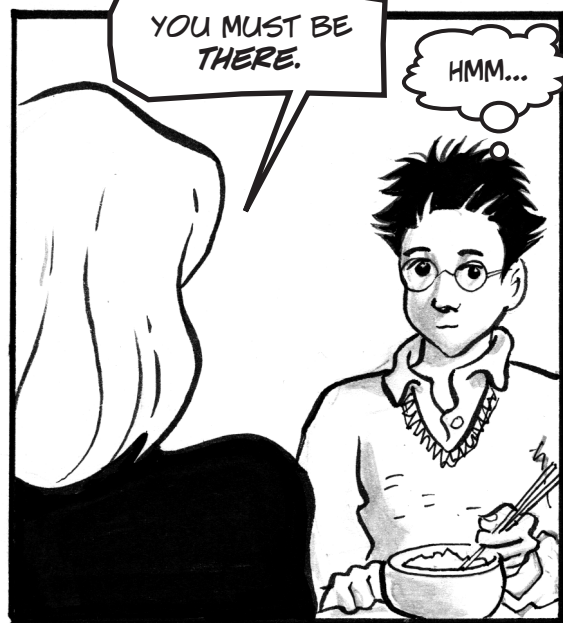


THERE IS
"HEARING"
AND THERE IS
"LISTENING."



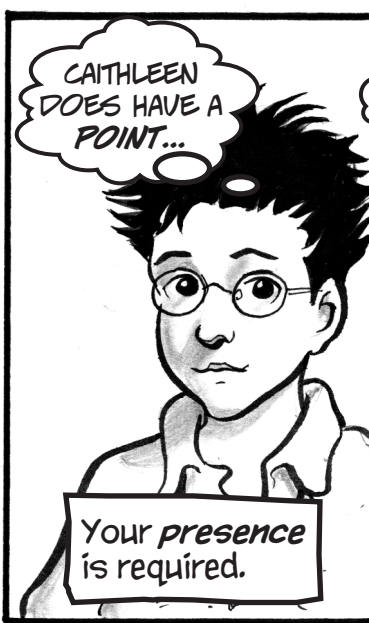
ENGAGING THE
SENSE OF "HEARING"
GENERALLY MEANS YOU
ARE QUIET.

BUT WHEN YOU *LISTEN* TO
SOMEONE OR SOMETHING,
IT TAKES MORE THAN BEING
QUIET ON YOUR PART.



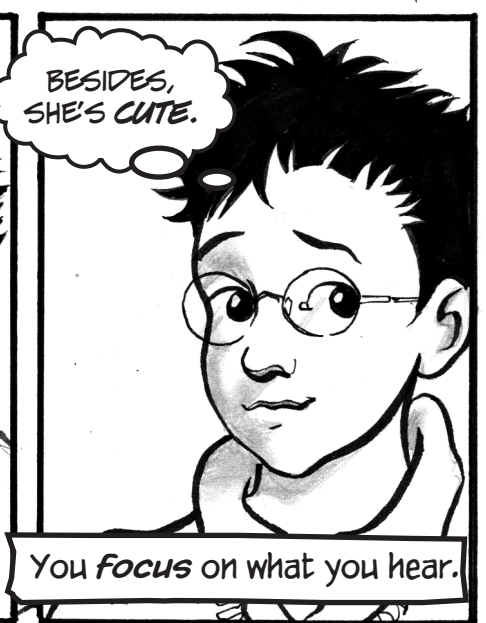
YOU MUST BE
THERE.

HMM...



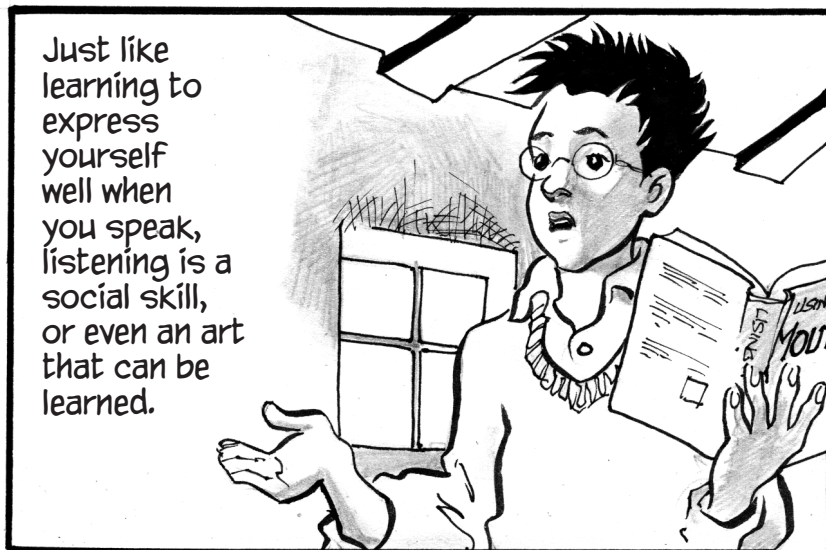
CAITHLEEN
DOES HAVE A
POINT...

Your *presence*
is required.



BESIDES,
SHE'S CUTE.

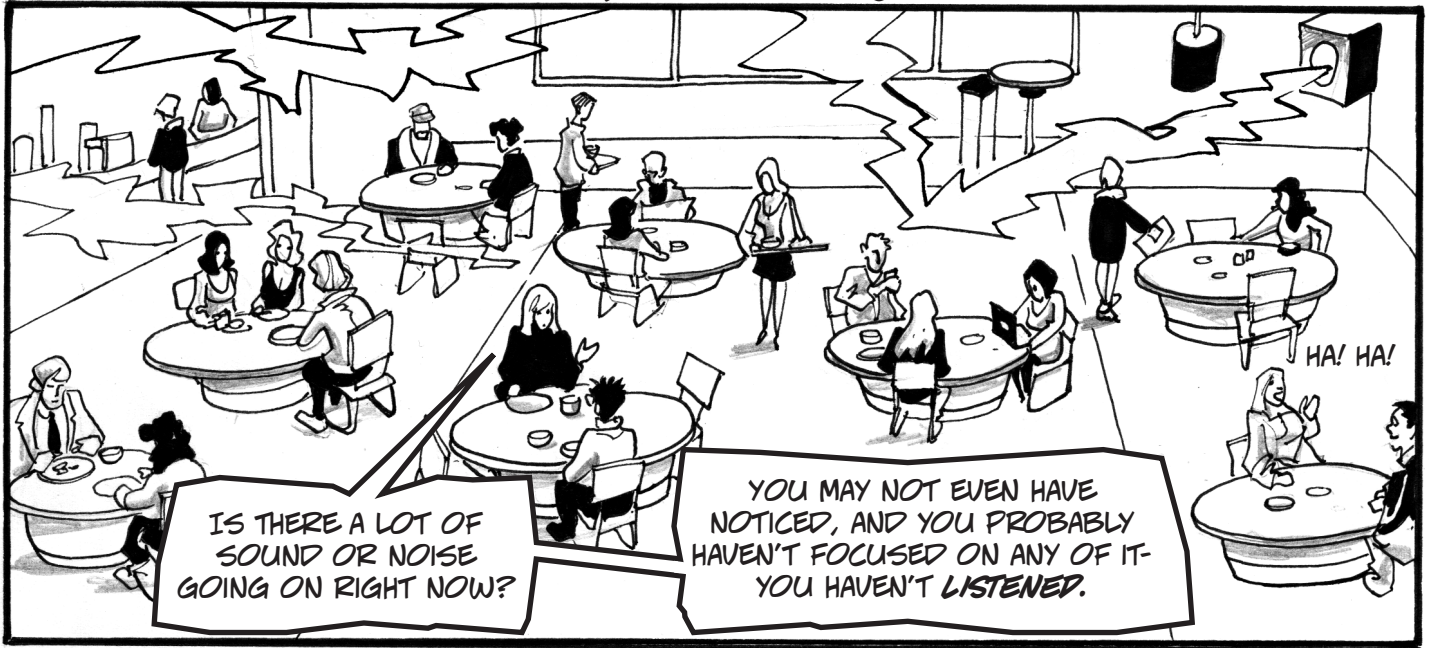
You *focus* on what you hear.



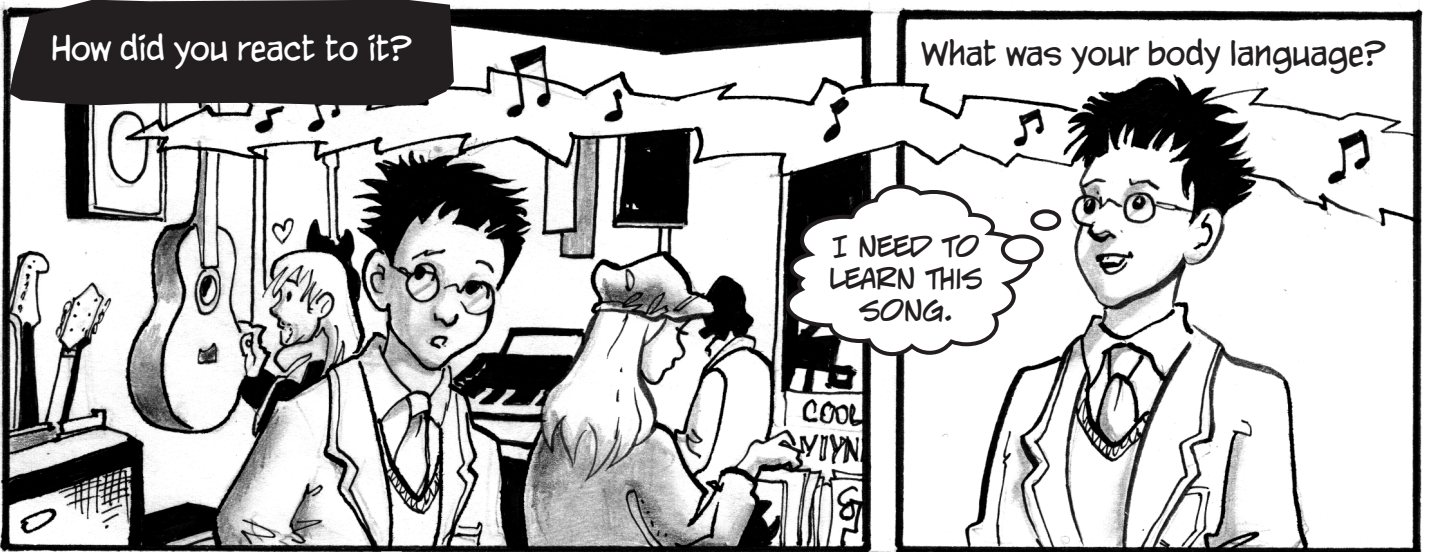
Just like
learning to
express
yourself
well when
you speak,
listening is a
social skill,
or even an art
that can be
learned.

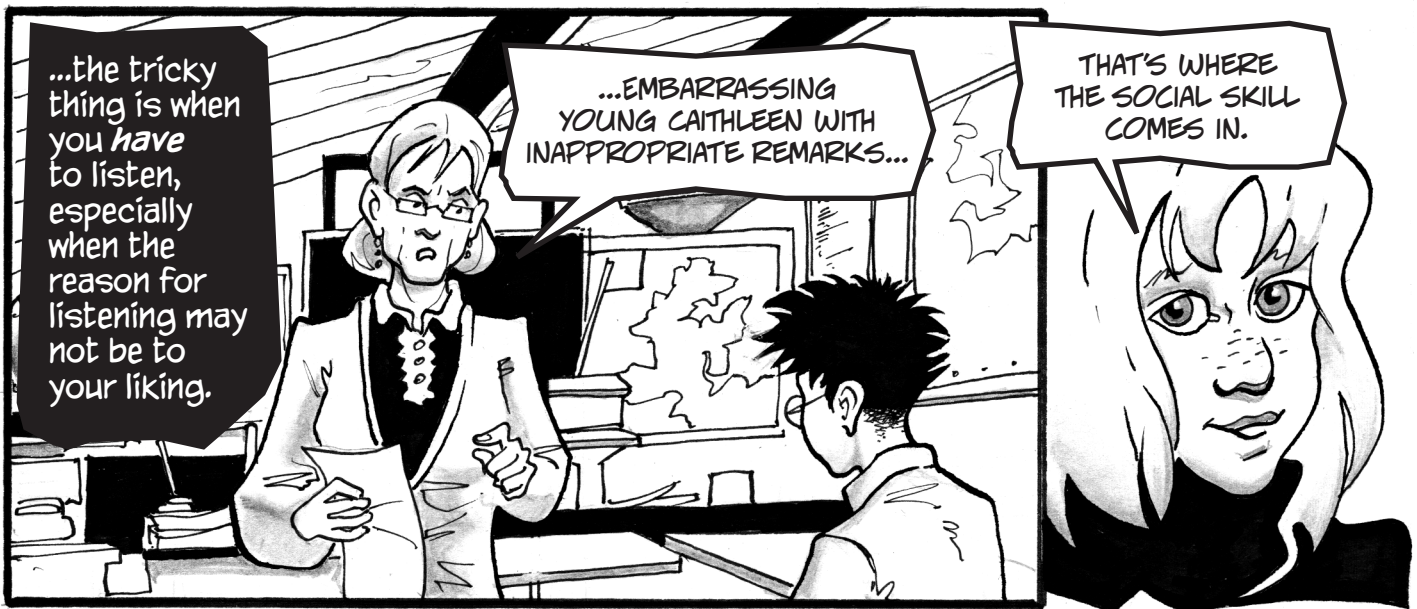


Stop and check yourself.
What are the sounds you are hearing at this moment?



Now, when was the last time you feel you listened to
someone or something?



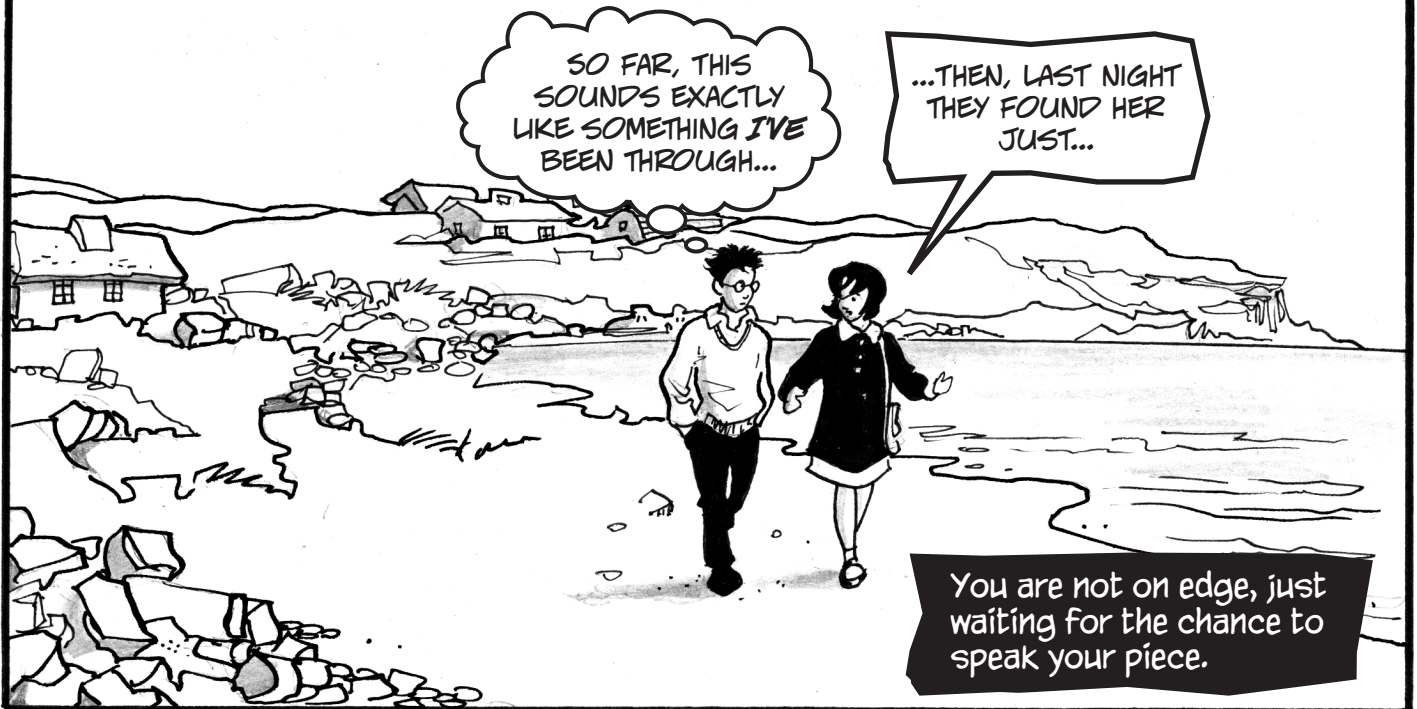


As a generous listener in school, for example, you do your best with the time you have in school, you are present with mind and heart.

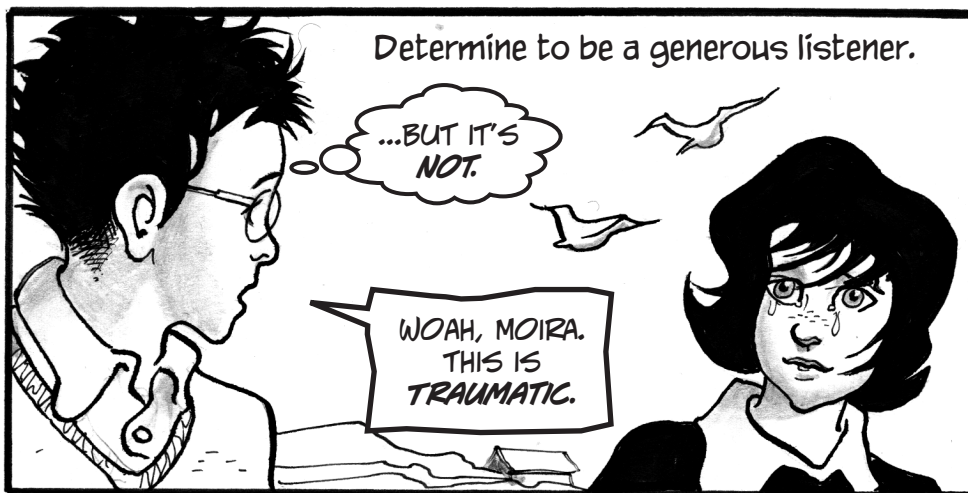


Generous listening is *deep* listening.

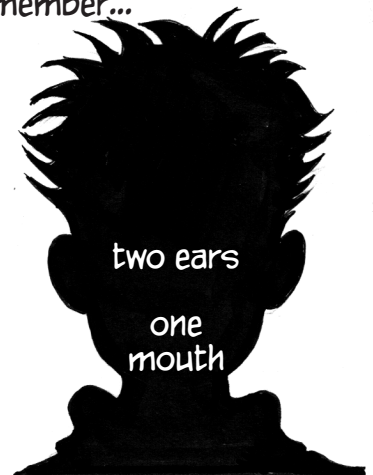
For example, when you discuss something meaningful with your friend, you show you care when you let him or her speak without interrupting.



What You can Do:



Remember...



Listen more, speak less.





Quote:



-Bernhard Borgen
(inventor
and
economics
professor)

What the Bible Says:

1 Samuel 3:10 ESV: And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

James 1:19 KJV: Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

