

Self-Study Idea

For a great way to improve your listening skills try watching a movie with subtitles turned off. You can either rent the DVD, or find clips on the internet.

If you google for the title of a movie, you will often find the screenplay on the internet.

For example a great movie try this scene from "A Few Good Men"

Video on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j2F4VcBmeo>

Screenplay: <http://www.godamongdirectors.com/scripts/fewgood.shtml>

An extract is below:

KAFFEE

Colonel Jessep, did you order the code red?

JUDGE

You don't have to answer that question.

JESSEP

I'll answer the question. You want answers?

KAFFEE

I think I'm entitled to them.

JESSEP

You want answers?!

KAFFEE

I want the truth.

JESSEP

You can't handle the truth!

Son, we live in a world that has walls.
And those walls have to be guarded by men
with guns. Who's gonna do it? You? You,
Lt. Weinberg? I have a greater
responsibility than you can possibly
fathom. You weep for Santiago and you
curse the marines. You have that luxury.
You have the luxury of not knowing what I
know: That Santiago's death, while tragic,
probably saved lives. And my existence,
while grotesque and incomprehensible to
you, saves lives.

continued...

You don't want the truth. Because deep down, in places you don't talk about at parties, you want me on that wall. You need me on that wall.

We use words like honor, code, loyalty...we use these words as the backbone to a life spent defending something. You use 'em as a punchline.

I have neither the time nor the inclination to explain myself to a man who rises and sleeps under the blanket of the very freedom that I provide, and then questions the manner in which I provide it. I'd prefer you just said thank you and went on your way. Otherwise, I suggest you pick up a weapon and stand a post. Either way, I don't give a damn what you think you are entitled to.

KAFFEE

(quietly)

Did you order the code red?

JESSEP

I did the job you sent me to do.

KAFFEE

Did you order the code red?

JESSEP

You're goddamn right I did.

How much could you follow?

Isn't Jack Nicholson an amazing actor! And Tom Cruise too!