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Enriching Your Vocabulary through Active Listening

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Vocabulary consists of two realms:

Passive Vocabulary: the words that you understand but don't use
Listening and reading (=input)

Active Vocabulary: the words that you use
Speaking and writing (=output)

Tips on expanding your vocabulary through listening actively:

- 1) When listening, **try to visualize as much as you can**
- 2) **Use English-English dictionaries** (to allow yourself to think in English)
- 3) **Make your own dictionary** (describe things using words of your own)

Quiz:

In one installment of the popular TV series "Ally McBeal" a few years back, there was this scene in which two bridesmaids at a wedding ceremony were talking to each other, and I jotted down their dialogue.

Fill the following blank with an appropriate verb:

Woman A) "I wonder why she's getting married to him."

「彼女、なぜあんな男と結婚するのかしら？」

Woman B) "That's because she () 30."

「30の大台に乗ったからよ」

Listen to the interview program "Diplomatic Roles in the N. Korea Standoff"
(A transcript of the program will be handed out later in the session)