

Writing and Tutorial Center

Practicing Listening and Speaking

[Pratt Engage Portal](#)

The Pratt Engage Portal enables members of the Pratt community to join organizations and learn about in-person and online events throughout the semester. The portal is arranged by themes (Arts and Music, Social, Learning) by categories (Career and Professional Development, Health and Wellness, Recreation) and by Perks (Free Food, Free Stuff, Merchandise). This is a meaningful way to connect with people of common interests and to become more actively involved within the lives of the Pratt community and New York City.

[Museum of Arts and Design \(MAD\) Artist Studios](#)

The Artist Studios program encourages visitors to engage with resident artists and designers working on site at MAD by asking questions, seeing works in progress and receiving first hand exposure to diverse creative processes. Open studio hours are Wednesday - Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Residents invite visitors for informal dialogue and close looking inside their workspaces. This provides an opportunity for students of art and design to interact with working artists in a welcoming, informal environment.

[Museum of Modern Art \(MoMA\) Verbal Descriptions](#)

MoMA's audio playlist includes images of twenty four works from the Museum of Modern Art's permanent collection from artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Michel Duchamp, Henri Matisse and Faith Ringgold with accompanying short verbal descriptions and transcripts by MoMA experts. Listeners can learn specific, accurate vocabulary for talking and writing about works of art as they gain a broader context for an understanding of these works.

[TED Talks](#)

TED offers a wide variety of short videos by experts of various language backgrounds on current, important topics such as culture, technology, and climate change. Most videos provide a transcript so that viewers can read the transcript as they watch the video and then speak along with the video to practice pronunciation, intonation, vocabulary, and spelling. These provide the opportunity to understand different varieties of spoken English while also learning more about current events.

No matter your interests, there's something out there for you! Here are some of our favorites:

Audio

[Hyperallergic](#)
[NPR: Throughline](#)
[NPR: All Things Considered](#)
[Sound & Vision](#)
[This American Life](#)
[WNYC: Radiolab](#)
[You Must Remember This](#)
[Variety: Actors on Actors](#)

Video

[Amoeba Music: What's in My Bag?](#)
[Baumgartner Restoration](#)
[CrashCourse](#)
[Criterion: Closet Picks](#)
[David Attenborough Documentaries](#)
[Louisiana Channel](#)
[Mythical Kitchen: Last Meals](#)
[NPR: Tiny Desk Concerts](#)
[Science Channel: How It's Made](#)
[Smarthistory](#)
[Tasting History](#)
[Vanity Fair: Notes on a Scene](#)