

20 EDUCATIONAL SPICE

■ PERSONNEL REQUIRED

Three to five representatives from the audience are needed who meet the requirements and who are willing to serve in this capacity.

■ NECESSARY MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

Adequate seating is required, as is the use of appropriate voice amplification when necessary.

■ ADVANTAGES

1. It permits especially those of the adult population who have not benefited from higher education or other specialized training incorporating practice in perceptual listening, and those who are new to the materials being presented, to see clarification of specific subjects, terminology, statements, views, and opinions.
2. Timid individuals, normally too backward to speak up and seek help on their own, are provided this benefit by proxy, through a representative substitute on their behalf.
3. Questions can be asked and issues clarified immediately before being forgotten (while the lecture, etc., is being presented).
4. Speakers are often motivated to prepare more carefully and completely, and to be cognizant of the audience and their needs.
5. This method can be instrumental in changing such passive methodologies as the lecture, into more stimulating and productive encounters.

■ DISADVANTAGES & LIMITATIONS

1. When the technique is practiced, some information presentations, (major techniques) become so bogged down with questions and clarifications that very little new information is transmitted.
2. This technique can be easily abused.
3. Too many interruptions can cause the major method to lose its effectiveness and continuity.
4. The audience is still passive, even though team members participate actively.
5. Overuse of this method tends to deteriorate the listening skills of the audience.

■ DIAGRAM

