You’re Not Listening!

Below are five quotations on the art of listening. But if you’re listening when you read them, you will notice that something sounds wrong. The word in bold in each sentence doesn’t belong. Replace each word in bold with one from a different sentence to correct the quotes. Then you’ll have five sayings on listening to think about and discuss.

1. We talked for four people. Well, I talked for four, and she listened for two.
   Change people to ________.

2. The word listen contains the same letters as the word intent.
   Change intent to ________.

3. We have two hours and one tongue so that we would listen more and talk less.
   Change hours to ________.

4. Most of the successful silent I’ve known are the ones who do more listening than talking.
   Change silent to ________.

5. Most people do not listen with the ears to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.
   Change ears to ________.

Sources of the quotations:
2. Alfred Brendel (Austrian pianist and author, born 1931)
3. Diogenes (philosopher of ancient Greece)
4. Bernard M. Baruch (American financier and philanthropist, died 1965)
5. Stephen R. Covey (American educator and author, died 2012)

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