



**QUEEN VIEWS STUDY**—Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth is a study as she views a study of Sir Winston Churchill on display at Grocers' Hall in London. She was attending a reception for Rhodes scholars. The bust of Churchill is the work of sculptor David McFall. (UPI Telephoto)

## OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith  
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Every book written on how to be popular insists that being a good listener is vital. I'm working now on a system recommended by a professor at the University of Southern California. First, he says, you should listen for the major topic. Second, listen for the subtopics. "Then you don't have to listen to all the small talk in between," he points out. "These are filler words put there so we can digest what's been said." That sounds reasonable enough, but I've found out that it can be quite dangerous in actual practice. I tried it the other evening when my wife was telling me about the throw rugs. "The carpet's down to the threats in front of the sofa where we used to have the coffee table," she said. It's what she says she said anyway.

"You're not listening," she said. "That's just it," I said. "I am listening. Go ahead." "Well," she said, "what do you think?" "Think about what?" I asked. "What I said. About the rugs for the bare spots." "What was your major topic?" I inquired. "What are you talking about?" "I want to know," I explained. "What was your major topic. You must have 'We really ought to get a rug to put there,' she went on. "We need one for the front door, too. And in the hall in front of the bathroom. Everybody is going in and out of the bathroom all day."

She paused, apparently waiting for me to speak. I was trying to figure out what the major topic was. "You're not listening," she said. "That's just it," I said. "I am listening. Go ahead." "Well," she said, "what do you think?" "Think about what?" I asked. "What I said. About the rugs for the bare spots." "What was your major topic?" I inquired. "What are you talking about?" "I want to know," I explained. "What was your major topic. You must have 'We really ought to get a

had a major topic, a subtopic and some filler." "Well good heavens," she said. "I only asked you what to do about the carpet where it's getting worn." "The carpet?" I said. "What's the matter with the carpet. I thought you were complaining about the bathroom. Too many people coming and going or something. I can't help that, you know." "Why can't you ever listen to anybody," she sighed. "That's what I am doing." I explained. "I'm trying to listen selectively. I don't want to be concentrating on a lot of filler and miss a major topic, you see?"

"Leaving out the filler," I said, "your major topic was that too many people are using our bathroom and we need a new coffee table." She nodded. "Right," she said.

The next day when I got home there were three small rugs on the floor. They were bright orange, the color of Halloween. "What's all this?" I said. "Orange rugs?" "I told you last night," she explained. "I said I was going downtown and charge three new orange throw rugs." "I didn't hear anything like that," I said.

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