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Subject: The best listening position  
Posted by [bcharlton](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2017 04:45:45 GMT  
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Which is the best way to determine this? I once came across a suggestion that it is better for the listening position to face the short wall vs the long wall because in this way, a flatter bass response results. What if the room has square walls?

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Subject: Re: The best listening position  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2017 15:05:49 GMT  
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Study room acoustics. Study loudspeaker directivity. After that, you'll have more information to work with and will be able to know how to setup your room, including where the best places are to sit and listen.

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Subject: Re: The best listening position  
Posted by [Bert](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2017 03:27:46 GMT  
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Yea, it definitely varies depending on your setup and the size of the room you are in. What you are listening to probably plays a factor too.

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Subject: Re: The best listening position  
Posted by [drake](#) on Mon, 07 Aug 2017 07:10:34 GMT  
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Wayne Parham wrote on Thu, 03 August 2017 10:05

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I once read that to get the best out of the stereo speakers, the seat should be placed the same distance from the speakers, as they are from each other. The chairs and speakers should (ideally) form an equal-sized triangle. Again, the speakers and seat shouldn't be placed against the wall.

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Subject: Re: The best listening position  
Posted by [Kirkman](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2017 22:55:27 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The best listening position  
Posted by [cwemoy](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2017 19:02:44 GMT  
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The trial-and-error method has worked for me as well in the past. Understanding the science of it all isn't easy and the uniqueness of each system and rooms makes it hard to standardize a 'perfect' listening position.

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