

Listening Games and Activities



In this leaflet we've put together some ideas to help you become inspired to have fun with your child/children at home whilst helping them to learn and succeed. The focus of this leaflet is Listening games and activities. This leaflet is just a starter and we know that you as your child's first and most important teacher have lots of great ideas yourselves that you can use.

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- Go on a Listening walk in your home, e.g. talk about the sounds that you can hear in each room maybe a loud clock or the noise of the washing machine.



- Go on a listening walk when you're out and about. Talk about the sounds that you can hear in the environment e.g. police siren, aeroplane, crunchy leaves, ducks in the park etc



- Talk about your favourite sounds e.g. children laughing, raindrops on a window pane. Discuss sounds that may frighten you or that you dislike, e.g. fireworks, scary barking dog.
- When playing with your child and their favourite small world toys make the sounds of the animals or vehicle noises and encourage your child to do the same.



- Hide some noisy/quiet objects in a box e.g. rattling keys, a whistle, a rustling crisp packet, a squeaky toy. Ask your child to listen to the sounds and guess what it may be. Take turns and let your child be the teacher.
- Use a variety of different voices when reading a book or making up stories with your child e.g. Daddy Bear's big gruff voice or a tiny caterpillar voice. Encourage your child to do the same.
- Make a game of naming as many rhyming words as you can, e.g. hen, pen, den, Ben, when.
- Play around with some alliteration e.g. big, bouncy, blue, beautiful butterfly or munchy, magnificent, massive, monsters.