

Activity		Stepping stones listening game	
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Seeds	graded some of the activities into different levels.		All Education Advocates access this email.
Saplings	Your child may access different levels		Sarah Larkin (Cheshire West)
Trees	depending on the activity as well as their ability.		Becky Harris (Cheshire West)
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Brief description of Activity

Attention and listening is being able to listen and focus on specific tasks or sounds. Good attention and listening skills help with social skills, understanding language, following instructions, learning to communicate, speech sounds and support all areas of learning.

Our children typically need extra processing time to comprehend and respond to what they have heard. A 10 second wait is recommended before repeating the question, rephrasing won't help unless you have repeated the question again and have not had a response as at this point, they may not have understood how it was phrased.



Activity – Seed, Saplings and Trees

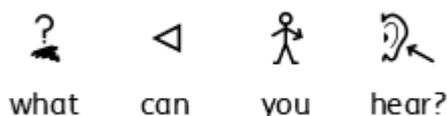
Listening and attention activities games and activities

1. Becoming aware of sounds

Becoming aware of sounds can happen through everyday activities, by pointing out and naming the particular sounds around us as they are happening. Encourage your child to have quiet times and to listen...What can they hear if they try to be silent?

- The washing machine spinning
- Dogs barking – woof woof
- Birds singing – tweet tweet
- Traffic noises – brmmm brmmm
- Running water
- Doors closing
- Fridge humming
- Dryer tumbling
- Feet tapping

You can also explore sounds that musical instruments make, or a musical toy or music box. Let your child play with toys and everyday objects to see what sound they can make. Can they make the sound quieter or louder?



Play the link below to play a listening game, it is quite quick to reveal the answers so you might want to pause it to allow more time to think.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbxFOxz9c1g>

2. Stepping stones

What you need

Cushions and two or three things that make a noise, for example musical toys, alarm clock, saucepan lids, empty plastic bottles filled with rice and beans

To play, put the cushions along the floor as 'stepping stones'. Choose one of the noisy toys that your child must listen out for. Each time they hear the noise, your child may move from one 'stepping stone' to the next. Try another time with a different noise.

3. Make it a little bit trickier

Help your child to draw around yours or their own foot or shoes on paper or card. Cut out several 'footprints', together if possible.

Scatter the footprints around the room to form a trail. Maybe there could be something exciting at the end of the trail!

Every time your child hears the sound you make, they can move along the footprints however they like. Step, hop, jump, crawl, shuffle etc.

To make it even trickier, if the noise is played quietly they could tip toe to the next footprint, if you make the noise loudly they could jump to the next footprint.

This is a link to a guess the sound game using 20 animal sounds. There are loads of different ones if you look at the guess the sound series. These are great as it's a picture of the item and not a cartoon drawing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAChEOqet1o>

Attachments

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