

Listening

Children need support in learning to listen. Consider all types of sound: voices, vehicles, animals, environmental sounds, musical instruments, bells, music, water and the weather. We must communicate. Not only should we talk to them, but also sing.

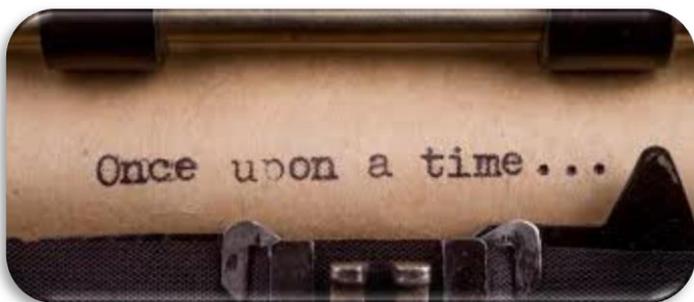


Sing Nursery Rhymes

Sing lots of rhymes - over and over again! Include those that have actions. Sing rhymes in your mother-tongue, as well as in English.

Read, Read & Read Some More

Read lots of books. Read the same book over and over. Make up voices for the characters. Read with exaggerated intonation and rhythm. Talk about the illustrations. Explain the meaning of words.



Tell Stories

Children are fascinated by made-up stories. Create stories about your child and family members. Ask them to suggest what might happen next in your story.

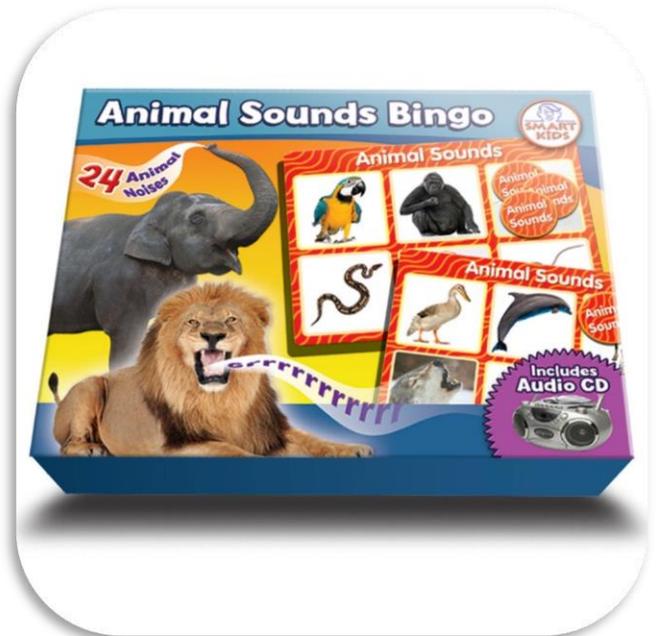
Sound Walks

Make some ears and go on a sound walk. What can you hear? What's making the noise? Is it a car or a motorbike?



Sound Bingo

There are lots of sound bingo games on the market and they can really support your child to listen carefully. Sounds can include: animals, vehicles, instruments, environmental sounds and more.



Making Musical Instruments

Get creative and make some homemade instruments. Do they sound the same? What noises can we make with them?

Matching Sounds

Using opaque containers fill them with items and see if your child can match the 2 containers with the same sounds. Differentiating sounds in this way is a pre-requisite for children being able to distinguish between letters sounds e.g. the sounds that letters c and g make.



Actively Listen to Music

Listen to all different genres of music. How does it make them feel? Does it make them want to dance? Dance with them. Include: country, classical, jazz, pop etc.

