

Listening walk

Developing your child's listening skills is really important. This will help them later on in lots of areas, including when they start learning letter sounds.

Activity idea:

1. Go on a listening walk with your child. You can go anywhere for this, such as the park or shops.
2. As you walk along, encourage your child to listen to the sounds they can hear. Help to name them, for example, 'I think that is a bird you can hear'.
3. It may help to spend time sitting in one location to begin with, so they can really focus on being still and listening for sounds.

What will my child learn?

- Listening skills help your child in social conversations where turn-taking is needed.
- Listening carefully will lead into them later being able to hear differences in letter sounds during reading and writing.
- Listening walks and guessing what could be making the sound will help them to imagine, think and predict.



Remember!

It is important to talk about the skills your child needs to listen.
Remind them about being quiet and using their ears to listen.