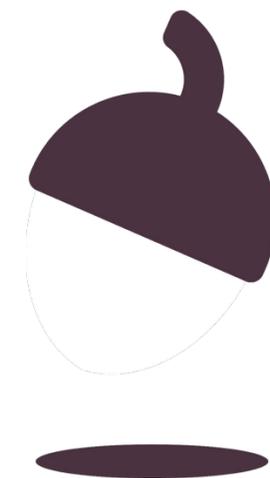


Speech and Language Therapy

# Let's Play Listening Games

## Lesson 10 of 14 on Attention and Listening

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# Having Fun with Listening

It can be helpful to provide 5 – 10 minutes games every day to focus on listening, language and communication.

These games could be:

- Listening and naming sounds around us
- Listening games that mean we have to follow an instruction.



# Activities for Listening

## Ready, steady, blow football!

We need :

2 straws

2 cups

2 paper balls

How to play:

1. Wait until you say 'ready, steady, blow'.
2. Both use your straws to blow a ball into the goal posts (the 2 cups).
3. Remember we need to use our eyes and our ears. Remember to use you good looking and good listening poster.
4. Repeat and take turns saying 'ready, steady..'

## Stop and Go cars

Clear a space.

Pretend you are driving a car.

When you say go everyone can drive off (show the action/make the sound).

When you say stop they have to wait in their car at the traffic lights.

Take turns saying 'ready, stead..'



# Activities for Listening

## Simon Says!

Simon Says is a great way to practise listening skills.

Give simple instructions like...“Simon says.... Touch your ears”. This can also really help to reinforce the words of the parts of the body used for listening if this needs development.

Make the game trickier by playing with the Simon says rule (e.g. Listening for “touch your toes” Vs “Simon Says touch your toes”).

Try adding sequences (e.g. “Simon says clap your hands and turn around”).

Don't forget to take turns being in charge of what Simon Says!

## Run and Touch!

This is best played outside.

Identify 4 or 5 different things outside e.g. a tree, climbing frame, chair and shed.

When you say go everyone has to run and touch the thing you name.

Take turns saying ‘Run and touch the... ..’



# Activities for Listening

## Skittles

Clear some space. This might be better played outside.

1. Attach some pictures of everyday objects, animals or people to your cans.
2. Start with 3 or 4 cans, but maybe you could work up to more!
3. Take it turns to pick 1 picture that the other person has to try and bowl down that skittle.

**You could start by just naming the pictures to aim for.**

**To practise more listening you could describe the picture**

(for example it has 4 legs, and it wears a collar)

4. Don't forget to use your **good listening poster!**

## I spy

I spy requires looks and listening so is a great game for this kind of development.

Give a clue rather than the starting sound.  
e.g. it has a trunk and leaves.



# Recording and Reflecting on Listening Activities

Use this sheet to record and reflect on your child’s attention and listening.

Date	Activity	Comments

In one sentence, what have you noticed this week?

When I.....,  
my child.....



# Listening Diary

Date:

We learnt about

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When my adult

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I...

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Insert picture

