

A Listening Walk



Main purpose: To develop children's listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment

This is a listening activity that can take place indoors or outdoors.

Remind the children about the things that good listeners do (e.g. keep quiet, have ears and eyes ready). Invite the children to show you how good they are at listening and talk about why listening carefully is important. Encourage the children to listen attentively to the sounds around them.

Go on a little walk somewhere. Choose somewhere where you think there might be some noises! Stop. Tell them to 'Turn their ears on' and put cup their hands round their ears. Listen carefully. What sounds can you hear? Talk about the different sounds they can hear.

After the children have enjoyed a listening walk indoors or outdoors, make a list of all the sounds they can remember. The list can be in words or pictures. If you are VERY keen and clever, you could record the sounds you hear and replay several times and play 'Guess the Sound'.