

# Listening and attention

Here are some ideas for activities to encourage your child to listen and pay attention. **Remember**, call your child's name and make sure they are looking at you before giving instructions - they may need reminding to listen!



## Shopping game

Ask your child to get 1 to 2 items from the shop eg. 'buy me a cake'



## Action rhymes

Encourage your child to join in and leave pauses to fill in missing words

## Simon says...

Child listens to instructions before carrying out actions



## Posting game

Ask your child to select a particular object - they can then post it in the box



## Hide-the-music-box

Your child has to find the box by listening to direction of music



## Musical instruments

See if your child can copy number of beats on drum or identify hidden instrument





## Musical statues

Your child stops moving when the music stops



## Ready-steady-GO!

Your child must wait for 'go' before knocking down tower, etc



## Stories

Encourage your child to sit and listen, and join in favourite parts of the story



## Everyday sounds



Listen for indoor and outdoor sounds - clocks, animals, cars, kettles etc



## Picture lotto/ jigsaws

Tell your child which picture to put on the board next

## Running games

Tell your child which object to fetch from the other side of the room



## Play

Give your child simple instructions during play eg. 'put dolly to bed'



## Washing line game



Get your child to listen to which clothes to peg on the line next

## Name games

**James - 'sit down'**

Eg. your child has to listen for their name before doing an action



## Bubbles

Your child has to wait for 'go' before running to pop the bubbles

