



Listening and Attention Games

- BBC Listening game- [EYFS. Listening skills - 12: Sound games 1 - BBC Teach](#)
- Give children an action to do but they can not do it until you say GO.
Example Instructions
 1. Stand up. Go!
 2. Pat your head. Go!
 3. Close your eyes. Go!
 4. Stick your tongue out. Go!
 5. Rub your tummy. Go! 6. Hop. Go!
 7. Clap twice. Go!
 8. Turn around. Go!
 9. Shake hands with the person next to you. Go!
 10. Pull a silly face. Go!
 11. Close your eyes and hop. Go!
 12. Pat your head and touch the floor. Go
- Play what's missing games. Add items to a tray cover and remove one, reveal the items and ask what is missing.
- Play action games such as Heads, Shoulders Knees and Toes or Simon says.
To make it more difficult don't show children the action.
- Make animal pictures or use animal toys, hide them around the room/house, make an animal noise and ask your child to find the animal.
- Play card games such as snap, pairs and lotto.
- Musical bumps, sit down when the music stops.
- Share lots of rhyming books and stories and work on rhyming words, pause and encourage children to fill in the missing word e.g. the cat and the....hat.
- Play instruments behind something the child has to guess which instrument it is.
- Play a game around the table- children have to say a noise or do an action and the next person adds on one. E.g. raspberry and a clap, raspberry clap and tap head. The person who forgets an action is out.
- Play I went to the market as a family. I went to the market and bought an orange, the next person adds something, I went to the market and bought an orange and a brush. See how far you can get.
- Play a barrier game. Each person has a piece of paper and pen and one person describes what they are drawing using very simple instructions e.g. a circle for the head, a line in the middle for the body. The other child has to listen carefully to the instruction and at the end check if their drawing is the same as the person giving the instructions.
This can also be done with building blocks or Lego when making a model e.g. put a red Duplo piece on top of a green one, attach a yellow duplo on the left side.