

Let's Learn at Home

Fun things to
do this week



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Children under 3 years old



What do we need?

What can we hear?

- Depending on the age of the child you may need a pram
- Suitable clothing for the current weather
- A place to walk to e.g. shops, park, beach or a visit to a friend or family
- Take photographs of the things you may hear on your walk

What do we do?

- Plan regular times to take your child out for a walk, ideally every day
- On your walks tune into all the different sounds your child can hear
- If your child is in a pram, have them positioned so they are facing you, especially very young children, this way they will be able to see and hear your voice and watch your expressions
- As you go for your walk, use commentary to support what they can hear e.g. "I can hear the birds sing. Can you hear the birds sing?" and "What is that noise?", "Oh look that noise is a dog barking woof woo.f"
- Repeat the sounds your child is hearing
- Ask your child throughout the day "what can you hear?"
- Imitate different sounds
- Look at images you have taken on the walk and see if your child can remember the sound
- Show you are interested

What are we learning?

- Social skills
- Repeating certain sounds
- Communication, language and listening skills
- Closely observing what animals, people and vehicles do
- Recognising and responding to many familiar sounds and words
- Distinguishing between different sounds
- Building relationships with special people
- Following simple instructions

Children 3 to 5 years old



What do we need?

What's in the box?

- Make a collection of your own noise makers e.g. crisp packet, bunch of keys, bells, scissors and paper
- Cardboard box

What do we do?

- Collect all the noise makers
- Find a cardboard box
- Hide all the noise makers in the cardboard box
- Position your child at the closed end of the box so that they are unable to see anything inside
- If your child is comfortable with being blindfolded then that adds to the excitement
- One by one make the sound and see if your child can guess which sound maker it is
- Vary the sound makers each time you play the game



What are we learning?

- Listening skills
- Distinguishing different sounds
- Following instructions
- Concentration
- Pre reading skills
- Developing vocabulary



What do we need?

An outdoor symphony

- Clipboard and pencil
- Sheets of paper
- Card listening ears (optional)

What do we do?

- Take your child on a walk outdoors spending time listening at different places
- Can they draw what they have heard?
- Can they name what they can hear?
- Remind your child to listen
- Choose places where you can hear birds, water, traffic, wildlife, aeroplanes, trees and leaves rustling etc.



What are we learning?

- Language and new vocabulary
- Communication skills
- Socialisation
- Attention
- Distinguishing sounds ready for reading

