

Suggestions of activities to develop listening skills

- Shhh game!! – listen for 10-15 seconds. What can you hear?
- Whisper – children to close their eyes and listen to a message – they have to re-lay the message and respond
- Rhythm game – children to copy a rhythm – various instruments can be used and also various musical elements e.g loud / soft / quiet / fast / slow
- I spy with my little eye.... Something that starts / finishes / includes the letter.....?
- The basket game – ‘In my basket I have..... continue including an additional item each time .Children have to try and remember each item
- Simon says..... children follow the instructions
- Listen to and learn nursery rhymes / songs
- Create silly rhyming sentences
- Choose the odd one out e.g m, m, c, m / cap, tap, moron, map
- Listen to sounds on a CD e.g is it a train / a car / a cow
- Follow instructions e.g forward two steps / backwards three steps
- Respond to commands e.g walk to the door / run up the stairs / hop three steps / jump down the step
- Who does what? Listen to the instruction e.g Mari jump / Tomos walk / Nia smile etc
- Statues / Freeze – move to music and when the music stops you have to freeze
- Blindfold – child that is blindfolded has to guess from which direction a sound comes from and points to it – e.g the sound of a bell – is it in front / behind / to the side