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Attention and Listening

Games to support attention and listening skills

Ready, Steady, GO! games

⇒ Ready steady go games support the development of a child's anticipation and waiting skills which are important for listening and concentration span

⇒ Use any toys are games that are highly motivating to the child. Good toys to play this game include:

- Bubbles
- Rolling a ball or pushing a car to each other
- Pushing a tower of blocks down

⇒ Why not offer the child a choice of two toys to give another opportunity to communicate?

⇒ Say "ready, steady…" and wait for the child to look at you, gesture or vocalise to indicate 'go!'. You can gradually build up the time that they have to wait before performing the activity

Listening games

⇒ **Musical bumps.** When the music stops, the child has to sit on the floor. Praise the child for 'good listening'.

⇒ **Sound identification.** Pick a selection of everyday familiar objects which make a sound. Ask the child to close their eyes and try and identify which object is making the sound. You can also do this with animal sounds/musical instruments if they are familiar to your child

⇒ **Sound location.** Hide a motivating noisy toy somewhere in the room, the child has to try and find it.

⇒ **Copying sounds.** Clap out a simple sequence and the child has to copy you. You can also do this with musical instruments.

⇒ **Simon says.** Child will have to listen to your simple instructions and follow them. This will also support their understanding of action words!

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