

## Drum Outdoors

*Main purpose* - To develop children's listening skills and awareness of sounds in their environment.



Give each child a beater or you can use chop sticks. Encourage the children to explore the outdoor area and discover how different sounds are made by tapping or stroking, with their beaters, a wooden door, a wire fence, a metal slide and a few items such as pipes and upturned pots you have 'planted'.

The activity can be recorded and/or photographed and used during a talk time session.

Ask each child to demonstrate their favourite sound to the rest of the group. The whole group can then join in and copy.

Ask each child to take up 'position ready' to make their favourite sound. An adult or a child acts as conductor and raises a beater high in the air to signal the children to play loudly and lowers it to signal playing softly.