

## Listening Walks

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

*This is a listening activity that can take place indoors or outdoors.*

Remind the children about the things that good listeners do (e.g. keep quiet, have eyes and ears ready). Invite children to show you how good they are at listening and talk about why listening carefully is important. Encourage the children to listen attentively to the sounds around them. Talk about the different sounds they can hear. Make a list of the all the different sounds they can remember. The list can be in words or pictures and can be prompted by replaying the sounds recorded on the walk.

It can help the children to give them a catch phrase - Listening Ears, or to give them a pair of oversized ears on a head band to wear as they go on their listening walk.

