

Attention & Listening // Age 1 - 2

For those children who find it difficult to 'listen and do', **say their name** before giving an instruction or asking a question.

Draw your child's attention to sounds around him/her, e.g. phone ringing, dog barking, fire engine, etc.



'Ready Steady Go' Games

Play games where your child has to listen for a signal before going, such as sliding down a slide, rolling a ball or car to each other, blowing bubbles, and use '*ready, steady....go!*' each time.

Encourage your child's interest in **books** by telling simple stories accompanied by pictures that s/he likes. A story with lots of repetition is a good idea as young children enjoy anticipating the next word or joining in. Animal books are also good fun, see if your child can choose the right picture for the animal noise you make.



Expand the number of nursery rhymes your child hears, and also include **finger rhymes**.

Older babies and small children love finger rhymes. Games they will enjoy include: Round and Round the Garden, Fly away Peter, and This is the Way the Farmer Rides. These games are fun and encourage your child to listen and anticipate the exciting end. S/he also learns that waiting will bring its own reward.