

Attention & Listening // Age 2 - 3

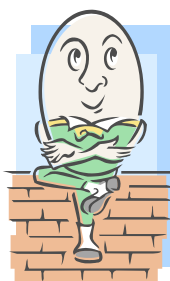
Follow your child's lead in play and interaction. Talk about the things the child is interested in as this will encourage them to shift their attention between the activity and your voice.

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



Use different **musical instruments**. Make a sound and encourage your child to copy you. To make the game more difficult, have a screen between you (or ask your child to close their eyes) so they have to listen really carefully to tell which instrument you played.

Encourage your child to join in with sound effects and actions whilst telling a **story**. For example, whilst listening to 'The Three little pigs' they could say 'oink' when they hear the word 'pig' and roar (with actions) when they hear the word 'wolf'.



Continue with nursery **rhymes**. When your child is familiar with them, try leaving out a word and see if s/he can fill it in, e.g. "Humpty Dumpty sat on a".