

## Attention & Listening // Age 3 - 4

### Running Commentary

Provide a running commentary of your child's activities as they play. This strategy both teaches the child language relevant to the objects and actions s/he is motivated by, AND enables your child to learn to 'listen and do' at the same time.

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### Listen and Remember

Make two sounds, one after the other and let your child copy you in the same order. Try taking turns and using different sounds.



### Hide the Toy

Ask your child to leave the room while you hide a toy. While s/he looks for the toy make a noise e.g. bang a drum. Make the sound loud when s/he is near the toy, and quiet when s/he is far away.

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### Musical Islands

Use four pieces of paper large enough for your child to stand on. Draw or stick a picture on each and then place around the room. Encourage your child to run/dance around the room to some music. When the music stops they stop and listen to what they are told to do, e.g. "go to Bob the Builder", "go to Postman Pat"

