

Sound Awareness // Age 2 - 3

Use a variety of different symbolic noises in your play. These sounds are the foundations of speech and language development, and also make play more fun!

Animal noises

In play with animal toys or pictures, encourage use of animal noises e.g. moo, baa, miaow...



Transport noises

In play make noises for vehicles e.g., brum brum, nee naw...

Household activities and noises

There are opportunities to play with symbolic noises with your child during everyday household jobs. Together listen to noises made during certain activities and try to reproduce these:

Hoover v-v-v

Water glug, glug, glug, splash,

Bouncy ball b-b-b

Be quiet sh...sh...sh (this is a fun one for pretend play – put toys to bed then say ‘sh’ to each other – don’t wake the toys!)

Telephone ring ring, ring ring