

Attention & Listening // Age 3 - 4

Running Commentary

Allocate an adult to provide a running commentary of the child's activities as they play. This strategy both teaches the child language relevant to the objects and actions the child is motivated by AND enables the child to 'listen and do' at the same time.

Model being a good listener by listening to children and taking account of what they say in your responses to them, for example 'I liked hearing about your dog, what's he called?'



Plan some short periods when children listen to others, e.g., describing something they have seen or done.

Cue children into a change in conversation, e.g., 'now we are going to talk about...'



Continue to **share rhymes, books and stories** listening including those from other cultures.

You could ask parents to record regional variations of songs and rhymes.