

Understanding Auditory/Listening Skill Levels

Sound Awareness: The child can show they are aware of sound and also demonstrate they know when it is present or absent.

Activities to assist sound awareness: Peek a boo, knocking on the door, doorbell ringing, phone ringing, environmental sounds, musical chairs, marching to the beat of a drum, dancing to music, turning music on and off, turning the water on and off, horns honking, birds singing, cats meowing, dogs barking, etc.

Sound Discrimination: The child can recognize if two sounds or words are the same or different.

Activities to assist sound discrimination: Animal sound games, environmental sound games, responding to different commands/requests, same or different games, repeat what you hear.

Sound Identification: The child can label the object or sound they hear.

Activities to assist Identification: Games that listen for colors, names of things, etc. Commands such as give me the red crayon, picture books, homemade experience/listening books, and/or walks.

Auditory Comprehension: The child understands the meaning of spoken messages, this requires advanced auditory skills as well as vocabulary.

Activities to assist Comprehension: Listen to read aloud stories and answer comprehension questions, sequence stories after listening to them, play 20 questions, following directions games. Experience books allow the child to practice conversations on selected subjects and expand the vocabulary of their world. You can also prepare or pre-teach new vocabulary.

Auditory Memory: The child demonstrates memory of sequences of numbers, words, sentences with varying numbers of segments, directions and elements.

Activities to assist Auditory Memory: Look who's listening games, Guess Who, listening for directions with increasing number of steps, learning lyrics to songs, items on lists, names of friends/relatives, and memorizing phone numbers or an address.