



Top Tips- Attention and Listening

Use my interests to engage me. If I like Peppa Pig—lets start there!

Use highly motivating toys which are not normally available for shared focus play.

Keep your language simple. If you make the activity too complex I will give up.

Encourage me to listen to the sounds around me. Highlight them with your facial expression .

Play with representational sounds (vehicles, animals etc.).

Make sure I have your full attention. Model how to listen.

Play alongside me and comment on what I am doing.

Choose the right time of the day. When I am not tired.

Try to reduce background noise when you want me to listen.

Say my name, touch me and get down to my level to get my attention.

Follow my lead and copy the sounds I make.

Play listening games.

Show me how long things will last with a timer or countdown.