

MORE ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP ATTENTION AND LISTENING SKILLS

Find the matching animal picture game

Equipment: You will need several animal pictures with matching miniature animals.

- ☺ Place the pictures on a table with the miniatures to one side.
- ☺ Ask the child to place the correct miniature animal on the matching picture when they hear the appropriate sound made.

Note: The sounds can be pre-recorded real/ impressions of animals

Simon says game

Equipment: Action picture cards

- ☺ Place the cards face down and ask the child to choose a card.
- ☺ The child then performs the action. They have 10 seconds to carry out the action.

Variations:

- ☺ get the child to do more than 1 action at a time (max 3)
- ☺ Reverse roles and get the child to think/choose an action

Note: If the child struggles to carry out an action then model it for them, by using either an action picture or your body.

Head bangers

Equipment: 2 headbands (made form paper and laminated). Variety of pictures e.g. animals, clothes, transport (laminated). Blue tack

- ☺ Place the pictures face down on the table with a piece of blue tack on the back. Put the headbands around yours/child's head.
- ☺ Each pick a picture place on the headband.
- ☺ Take turns to describe what the picture is.

- ☺ The first one to name the object wins.

Note: If you haven't got the resources, use post it notes with either drawings or words of objects.

Beetle Drive

Equipment: dice, pens and paper.

- ☺ Take turns to throw the dice to draw a beetle.
- ☺ you must throw a 6 to start - and you can then draw the body
- ☺ throw a 5 - draw the head
- ☺ throw a 4 - draw the tail
- ☺ throw a 3 - draw a leg
- ☺ throw a 2 - draw a feeler
- ☺ throw a 1 - draw an eye
- ☺ Once you've thrown a 6 to start, you do not have to throw the dice in any particular order - except that you must have thrown a 5 to draw the head before you can draw feelers and eyes.
- ☺ The first person to complete a beetle wins

Variations:

- ☺ You could time the game and see how many beetles you can make in 5 minutes.
- ☺ See who can be the first person to make three beetles.

Memory Madness

Equipment: tray, tea towel, a selection of toys/objects.

- ☺ Place 4 or 5 items on a tray and cover with the tea towel. make sure the child/ren don't see what's on the tray.
- ☺ When ready remove the tea towel for 10-20 seconds and ask the child/ren to try look at all the items and try to remember them. Cover the tray and see how many they remember.