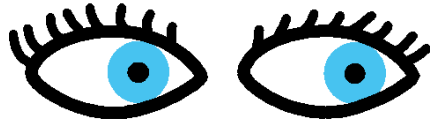
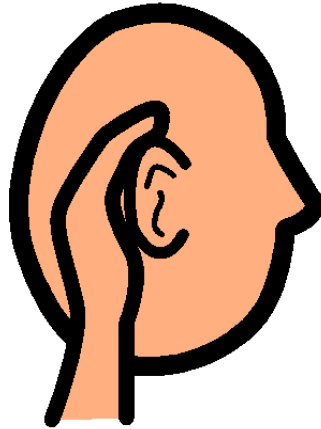


## PROMOTING ATTENTION AND LISTENING SKILLS IN THE CLASSROOM

1. Focus your child's attention before giving instructions e.g. "Jack....listen...."
2. Make your child aware of good listening skills
  - Teach sitting still,
  - Give positive feedback e.g. "good listening",
  - Use gestures and symbols as prompts e.g. picture of sitting, listening and looking.
3. Reduce background noise and distractions where possible
4. Remember to use an appropriate level of language
  - This may involve SHORT, SIMPLE sentences or REPHRASING information
  - The level of language required depends on the individual child
5. Check that the information has been understood
  - Explain the task using language the child is likely to understand
  - Observe the child's responses. Ask the child to explain what he has to do
  - Make sure he knows when the task is complete
  - If necessary, show the child what to do rather than repeating lots of language.
6. Use pictures, objects and real situations to reinforce language
7. Work for short periods of time
8. Refocus the child's attention where necessary to help him keep on task
9. Take turns - this maintains interest especially if the child can be 'teacher'
10. Give praise and reinforce appropriate listening and attention.



Good looking



Good listening



Good sitting