

Hearing Games: Listening and Speaking

Instructions:

1. Out of sight of child (about 10 feet away) call to your child and notice his/her reaction.
2. Try again from another part of the room.
3. Try with the toys that make high and low tones.
4. Speak in a whisper and notice the child's reaction.

How to extend activity:

- Talk back and forth with your child.
- Talk in parentese - slow and in a high pitch.
- Talk back and forth with child.
- Let child hear you talk.

Materials:

- Toys or objects that make noise



What they learn:

Language- The child is learning about his sense of hearing. How well he/she speaks is linked to how he/she hears the speech in his/her world

Social-emotional - Your child's social behavior is affected by how he/she hears the world and others around him/her. If he/she does not hear well he/she can show irritation and have temper tantrums. This time is an important time for the child's brain to become structured to hear and produce the language he/she will speak.