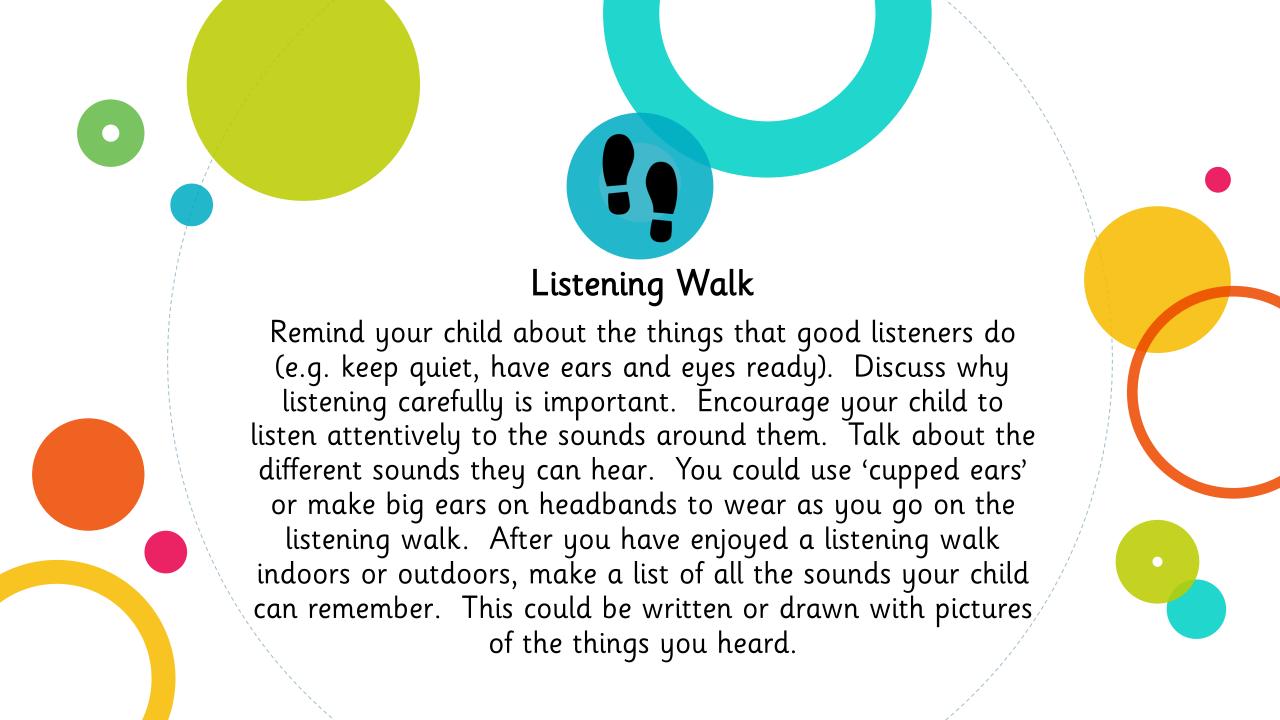


Main Purpose



To develop children's listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment.





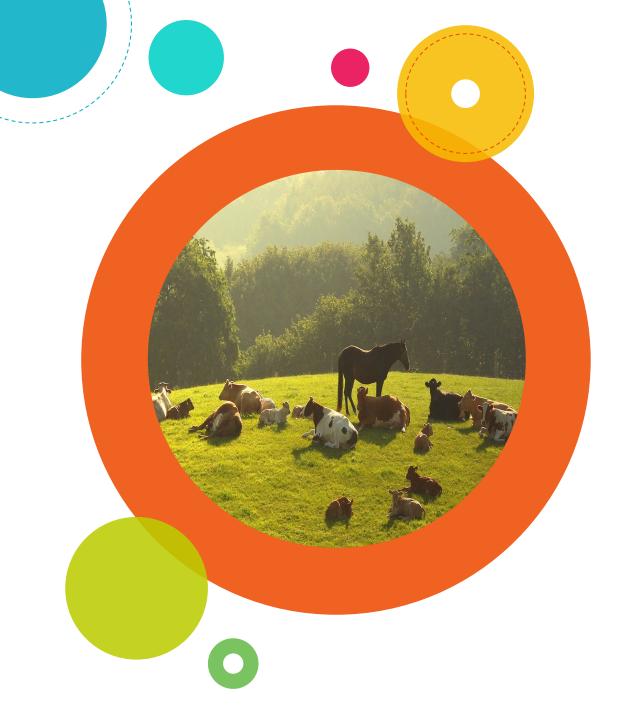
Making Music

Drumming

Use a beater or make drumsticks, for example from short pieces of dowel. Encourage your child to explore the outdoor area and discover how different sounds are made by tapping or stroking, with their beaters, a wooden door, a wire fence, a metal slide, and a few items such as pipes and upturned pots you have 'planted'. Ask your child which was their favourite sound and discuss why.

Socks and Shakers

Partially fill either opaque plastic bottles or the toes of socks with noisy materials (e.g. rice, peas, pebbles, marbles, shells, coins). Ask your child to shake the bottle or sock and identify what is inside from the sound the items make. From the feel and the sound of the noisy materials encourage your child to talk about them. Ask questions such as: Where might we find shells and pebbles?



Talking Pictures

Look at the pictures on the next few pages. Discuss where the places are and what sounds you might here. Make some of the sounds and ask your child to point to them, for example making a cow noise and your child pointing at the cow, or vice versa.

