

Sound Bags

These activities are useful to help children to:

- Develop listening skills
- Improve sound awareness which is important for later speech sound development
- Encourage the use of 'symbolic sounds' which are stepping stones towards using words
- Provide opportunities for a child to copy sounds if they are able to

How to make a sound bag:

Collect together objects that can be represented by a sound.

Examples are:

- Animals
- Vehicles
- Cake (yum, yum)
- Phone (ring ring) etc



Put the objects in a bag and take out one at a time, showing the child and making the sound for them. Let the child play with the objects for a while if they want to. Do not pressure the child to repeat the sound after you, just let them listen.

When you have a selection of objects out, ask the child to listen to you making one of the sounds and see if they can show you the right object, then put it back in the bag. Repeat this with the other objects.

When the child is becoming more familiar with the activity, see if they can make one of the sounds for you to listen to. Gently encourage them to try to repeat the sounds after you, but do not force this.