



Tuning into Sounds

Listening Walks



Before you set out

- Decide where you are going on your walk. Will you go inside or out?
- You may want to take a phone or recording device to record the sounds that the children hear
- You could make giant ear head bands to help the children concentrate on using their ears.

On your walk

- Remind the children about things that good listeners do (e.g. keep quiet, have ears and eyes ready).
- Invite the children to show you how good they are at listening and talk about why listening is important.
- Encourage the children to listen attentively to the sounds around them
- Talk about the different sounds they can hear.
- Use cupped ears or headbands to wear as they go on the listening walk

After your walk

- After the walk make a list of all the sounds they can remember
- The list can be in words or pictures. You can prompt the children by replaying sounds recorded on the walk