

Phonics Phase 1 Challenges: Environmental Sounds

(Sounds all around us)

General Sound Discrimination Environmental Sounds Home Learning Challenge



Make a collection of your own noise makers. Think about lots of different things that make a sound and gather them together in a box or bag. Use one of the objects to make a sound for others to guess and identify. You could include things like crisp packets, keys, coins in a pot, a rattle or a squeaky toy.

Play the game 'I Hear with My Little Ear'!
Take it in turns to imitate the sound of something and guess what makes that sound. You could imitate the sounds of things found around your house like a clock or a telephone or of recognisable animals like a cat or dog.



Play a listening game by hiding a small toy and using vocal clues to guide your partner to find the toy. When they get nearer to the hidden toy, make your voice louder; when they get further away make your voice quieter. You could try singing a song or rhyme at different volumes or making different voice sounds, like 'sss' or 'mmm'.



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Talk about sounds you like and sounds you don't like and why. Draw some pictures of things that make sounds that you like – for example, birds singing, the sea or a doorbell.

Make your own noisy shaker! You could make a shaker by putting some small items into a plastic pot and covering the top with paper or silver foil. Try using some different items for the inside of your shaker – you could try rice, buttons, marbles or dried pasta. Which sound do you like best?



Go on a Listening Walk! You could go around your house or an outside area with an adult and practise listening carefully to all the different sounds you hear. Talk about what you heard. Did you recognise all the sounds? Were they loud or quiet? Were they long or short sounds?