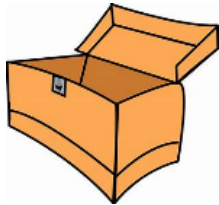


Attention & Listening Games

Simon Says

This can be used to support listening and attention. The game can be easily adapted by using more complex instructions and movements.



What's In the Box?

Hide objects in a box and describe the item to the group. The group must guess what the object is. This again supports listening and attention skills as well as introducing auditory comprehension.

Top 5

This can be used to support listening, attention, and vocabulary. Take it in turns to name your Top 5 foods, sports, clothes, school subjects, pop stars, breakfast foods etc.

Musical Statues

Musical statues is a lovely way to support listening, attention and working in a group. This can be adapted in various ways e.g., when the music stops the statues must freeze in a certain pose (e.g., passive stance, friendly face, angry face, nervous face etc.)



Good morning your Majesty

Have the class close their eyes and get one of them to speak. See if the rest of the group can identify the voice. Get the children to try and speak in different tones and expressions to disguise their voices.



Pass The Claps

Pass the claps supports turn taking and listening skills. Make a rhythm by clapping e.g., two claps. Tell the group that you are passing it on to the next person. That person must copy the claps. They then pass it on to the next person and this continues around the group. This game can be made easier or harder through the amount and speed of the claps. Musical instruments could also be used.

Changes

This game focuses on observation skills, turn taking and working in a group. One person leaves the group and changes their appearance (in a way that you can see e.g., rolling their sleeves up, untying a shoelace, taking off their glasses etc.). The person then re-joins the group, and the others must guess what has been changed.

Fruit Salad

Name Race supports listening skills. Sit the group in a circle and start by calling out the names of two group members. The two who are called, must jump up, run around the circle, and then sit back in their places again. Continue to call out varying combinations of group member names. Occasionally call out 'fruit salad' When this is called out the whole group must get up, run around the circle, and then sit back in their original place.



Past the Whisper

This game supports listening to peers. Choose a special word or short sentence to say and whisper it to one student. This student then whispers it to the next person, and it goes around the group until the last person receives it. The last person has to say aloud what the whispered message was. To make this harder you can use longer sentences or less familiar words.