

Sounds Around

Things to Do Together

We are exploring nature with our sense of hearing. Here are some activities you and your child can do together:

- Talk about sounds with your child. List your favorite sounds, nature sounds, happy sounds, scary sounds, and warning sounds.
- Experiment with ways to make music or noise with natural objects. If you find an interesting “instrument,” try to find three different ways you can play it.
- Talk about instruments that come from trees (e.g., didgeridoo, dulcimer, guitar, piano, violin). If you play one, invite your child to sing, dance, or clap as you play a song.
- Brainstorm a list of “noisy” foods, and choose a few to eat for snacks or supper.
- Sit or stand quietly outside, and count all the different sounds you hear. Compare the sounds you hear at different places (e.g., backyard, park, playground, street).

→ **Family, Friends, and Forests:** Talk about sounds you might hear in a forest.



Help children learn a few words in American Sign Language or another language new to them. Encourage them to say “Hello,” “Goodbye,” “Please,” and “Thank you” to someone in your community in that language.

Help build your child’s vocabulary by using some of these new words in your conversations:

We are reading the following books. Check them out from your library, and invite your child to share them with you.

