

Week 7 – Listening Activities

Parents' Guide

As the Government have announced plans to start getting children back to School it is likely that both you and they are feeling worried about how to stay safe.

It will be vital that children listen carefully to their teachers and follow the many instructions they are given about the new routines in School.

Here are some fun activities you can try with your children, or they could do with older siblings to help them see how important it is to listen carefully.

Activity One

Describe the...

Place your children into pairs (a child and parent will work too) and have them sit back to back. Give one child or parent in the pair a unique picture with a lot of simple shapes drawn on it. You could use randomly placed hearts, flowers, stars, houses, stick figures, etc. Put these shapes in different places, angles, and with extra features as desired. Give the second child or parent in the pair a blank piece of paper. The child or parent with the picture must dictate to his/her partner how to draw the picture. Make sure to emphasize no cheating or peeking! When finished, change the pictures around and have the partners switch roles.

Activity Two

Simon Says. Plays Simon says with your children to get them to practice their listening skills. You could make up your own instructions, but here is one for you to try. Give your children / child a blank piece of paper.

- Simons says draw a hand on your paper.
- Simon says draw a ring on a finger.
- Simon says draw fingernails on each finger
- Colour the nails in
- Simons says write a school day on each finger
- Write your teachers name in the top right corner
- Simon says draw a watch on the wrist of the hand
- Make the watch show 2:30
- Simon says write your name in the top right corner

Activity Three

Listen and Draw

Again, you could make up your own instructions for this activity, but here is an example for you.

Pass your children / child a blank piece of paper and ask them to follow the following instructions.

- Draw a star
- Write your name next to the star
- Draw a bus
- Draw a road under the bus
- Colour the bus yellow
- Draw a sun in the upper left corner
- Draw a boy or girl in the bottom left corner
- Draw a hat on top of the boy / girl's head
- Draw two clouds in the sky
- Draw a tree in the bottom right corner
- Write a sentence about your picture

Read the instructions out loud to your child one at a time. Can they follow the instructions to draw the picture? If you have more than one child get them both to do it, they can compare their pictures after. How well did they follow the instructions?

Please feel free to send some of your children's work in to us on Facebook or Twitter using #SAVSOS.