

Activities to Develop Attention and Listening Skills in Older Children

- **LOTTO, SNAP & MEMORY PAIR GAMES** - or any other motivational type games. Gradually increase the amount of time spent on each game.



- **GUESSING GAMES** - play games such as “20 questions”, “guess who” type games. Put objects or pictures in a bag, take turns to choose one and then the other children ask questions to guess what the object is i.e. is it an animal? does it live on a farm? You could also play “I spy” games.



- **DRAWING GAMES** - The child has to listen to instructions about what to draw i.e. draw a red circle or draw a house with a green door. Make the instructions harder and longer as the child’s skills develop.
- **NAME GAMES** - e.g. who stole the cookie from the cookie jar.... “Jack stole” Any other story or song which involves names or listening for actions or buzz words.
- **STORY BOOKS** - Listen to a short story and see if the child can respond to simple questions about what happened. Can they predict what will happen or how the story will end? Can they retell the story in their own words?

Memory Games

- **KIM’S GAME** - Place four or more items on the floor. The child closes their eyes then once they open them they have to try to guess which items you have removed.
- **I WENT SHOPPING AND I BOUGHT.....** - Play this in a small group or with individual children and increase the number of items the child has to remember.
- **SHOPPING LIST GAME** - Make a list of items that you want the child to find, from the classroom. Gradually increase the amount of items that the child has to remember.

