



## Panda Sticky Mitts and Tiny Tots

Panda Fun© Activity Sheets - Example  
Week 2 Road Vehicles and Road Safety

### Activity 2 Games to develop listening skills (Prerequisite to phonics)

Play a STOP/GO Game

You can play this in the house or in the garden with your toddler/pre-schooler but babies will enjoy the movement if you carry them and you can even play with your child in the pram.

- Ask your child to walk (or ride sit on toy) round the room/garden but stop as soon as you shout STOP. They can only go again when you say GO.
- Take it in turns – your child will enjoy giving the instructions.
- You can vary the game by carrying a soft toy or pushing a car or other vehicle.

### Go on a Listening Walk

Take your child for a walk in the garden, down the road or to the park. There are usually enough sounds in your garden.

- Point out all the sounds you hear – leaves rustling, your dog barking, a motorbike, a bird chirping, a child yelling, a siren, etc. You can point out things to your baby as you hear them.
- Ask older children to listen for 30 seconds (phone timer) remember the sounds and tell you at the end.

### Guess the sound

- Collect a range of objects to bang, rattle or shake – (See Appendix for making a shaker) Listen carefully to each one and then behind a screen (or just turn round) make the noise and ask your child to guess which one. Start with just two (an either or) and then over time build up the sounds.

### Simon Says

- You probably remember this from your childhood. Your child has to do everything Simon Says.
- You can vary the game and/or get your child to follow instructions by getting a favourite toy or puppet to give instructions. (Teddy says)
- For older children Simon could give two (or 3) instructions together. e.g. touch your toes, spin round and sit down.

### Sing Nursery Rhymes together e.g. [The Wheels on the Bus](#)

Reasons for singing and benefits of Nursery Rhymes in the Appendix