

Games for Developing Communication Skills

Listening Skills

- Chinese whispers
- Simon says
- I went to market/the shop etc.
- Fruit salad
- What's the time, Mr. Wolf?
- Guess Who!
- Battleships
- Parachute games
- Circle Time rounds
- Barrier games

Looking and Attention Skills

- Funny faces
- What's different? (Make a change to clothing/appearance.)
- Blowing bubbles
- Ask a question by eye gaze or pointing
- Add an action game - work around the circle adding a mime action to the previous person's action.
- Group counting games, working around a circle, not talking over each other
- Mr Potato Head

Awareness of Others

- People bingo
- Tummy ache
- The Sun Shines on... children with blue on, children with brown hair etc. (who move to the middle)
- Circle Time rounds

Turn-Taking Skills

- Any turn-taking game
- Dominoes
- Lotto
- Frustration/Junior Scrabble
- Matching pairs/Pelmanism
- Kerplunk

Giving Instructions

- Barrier games
- Battleships
- Colouring by numbers (give verbal instructions)
- Practical activities - make and do (tell a peer how to make something or play a game)

Questioning Skills

- 20 questions
- Circle Time partner work
- People bingo
- Happy Families
- Guess Who!
- Barrier games - asking for clarification

