

AUDITORY DISCRIMINATION ACTIVITIES

Auditory discrimination is the ability to receive and differentiate auditory stimuli.

Always verbalize experiences with your child. (e.g., when traveling, talk about what you are seeing.)

Purchase musical records and encourage your child to hum and then sing by imitating the record.

Tell your child a short nursery rhyme and ask your child to repeat the rhyme.

Play a game by giving a two step direction for your child to follow. Increase to a three step and a four step direction as your child masters each level.

Play "where is the sound?" by hiding a loud ticking clock and have your child find it.

Have your child close his eyes. Ring a bell first on his right side and then in different directions. Have your child turn towards the source of the sound.

Clap a simple rhythm and have your child repeat the rhythm.

Have your child close his eyes and listen while you perform common sounds such as bouncing a ball, snapping fingers, turning on water, knocking on a door. Have your child identify the sound.

AUDITORY MEMORY ACTIVITIES

Auditory memory is the ability to retain and recall auditory information.

Ask your child to relate outstanding events of the previous day.

Ask your child to name as many animals, foods, or articles of clothing that he/she can remember.

Give your child simple directions: color the tree, color the circle, and have your child follow the directions.

Give your child simple directions for a game and have your child repeat.

Have your child repeat simple number and letter sequences.

Play games such as "I'm packing my suitcase. I put in a _____", and add more items one by one.

Play restaurant with your child asking him to remember "food orders" to give the waitress.

Pick a special word from a story that will be read many times. Each time the word is read, have your child raise his hand.

Have your child draw a picture about the story he has listened to. Have him tell you about what he has drawn.

Have your child close his eyes and "hear" in his imagination: his favorite song, a dog barking, a car horn blowing, etc.

Clap your hands in a special rhythm and then have your child repeat the clapping sequence.