

Incorporating Listening into Home Activities

Objective: The family will incorporate listening objectives into everyday home routines, to build listening comprehension.

Importance: As a child continues through therapy, objectives and goals are met and practiced. It is important for us as educators to generalize these goals and objectives into the child's life for various reasons. One reason is to show the importance and relevance of the objective to the family. Another reason, the routine gives the child more practice and allows the child to develop to the next level of the auditory hierarchy.

Task 1: Waiting in a restaurant

While the family is setting the table, guide the student to listen

Task 2: Cooking

For those who are learning the kitchen vocabulary this can be a very beneficial activity. While cooking with your child, have your child help you as the 'gopher'. It is their task to get the milk out of the refrigerator. It is their job to get the bowls out of the cabinet next to the sink, or the aprons out of the pantry. If the child is an active participant then he will become more willing to listen and build better listening skills through participation in home routines.

Task 3: Planting flowers

These activities can work for planting in garden or for creating a garden out of pots.

Task 4: Putting away the groceries

The task of putting away the groceries can be daunting, but with a little help and little imagination it can turn into a family activity. Ask the child to find the bag with the frozen strawberries and put them next to the freezer. Have the listener put the orange juice on the top shelf in the refrigerator. Have the listener put three green apples and two red in the bowl on the counter and the rest of the apples in the left side drawer.