Sound Discrimination

Learning outcome: The aim is to raise children's awareness of the sounds around them and to develop their listening skills. Activities suggested include going on a listening walk, drumming on different items outside and comparing the sounds, playing a sounds lotto game and making shakers, comparing and matching sound makers, playing instruments alongside a story and making loud and quiet sounds.

Go on a listening walk!

You could go for a walk in your garden, around your home or to the local park. Listen out for the different sounds you can hear. Talk about the different sounds and what you think they are. Do they all sound the same? Are some loud and some quiet? Can you make the noise using your voice?

'I can hear'

Play the game 'I can hear' Take in it turns to imitate the sound of something and guess what makes that sound. You could imitate the sound of things heard on your listening walk e.g. police siren, bike bell or things from around you home e.g. a clock, telephone, a dog barking etc.

Animal Sounds

Play this game with your child https://eslgames.com/animal-sounds-quiz/ Can they identify the animals making the different sounds? Can they make their own animal noises for you to guess?