



Get Ready to Read

with Medina County District Library

Listening Skills



Becoming a good listener is essential to a child's future success in school and it also helps them to make friends, stay safe, and feel good about themselves. Try some of these ideas and activities to help your child become a better listener.

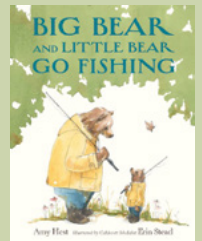
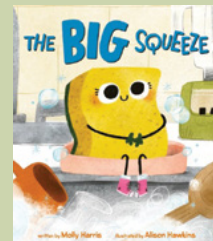
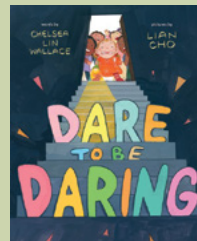
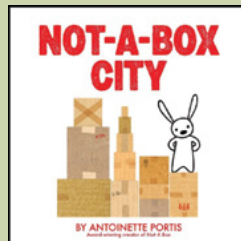
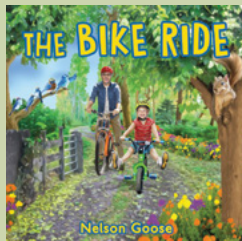
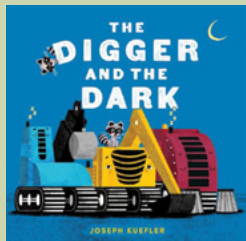
- **Use simple language** when giving instructions. Try breaking down instructions into smaller steps. Visual cues, like pictures or diagrams, can also be helpful.
- **Read aloud and play audiobooks** to increase their ability to focus on a story and improve their comprehension.
- **Retell a story** - After reading a favorite short story, encourage your child to tell the story back to you in their own words. How much did they remember? Ask questions to check their understanding.



Books to Read

The Digger and the Dark by Joseph Kuefler
The Bike Ride by Nelson Goose
Not-a-Box City by Antoinette Portis

Dare to Be Daring by Chelsea Lin Wallace
The Big Squeeze by Molly Harris
Big Bear and Little Bear Go Fishing by Amy Hest



Play Listening Games



- **Musical Statues** - Put on music and dance. When the music stops, ask your child to freeze like a statue and not move until the music starts again.
- **Create Rhythms** - Make simple sound patterns by clapping your hands or using a musical instrument. Invite your child to repeat the rhythm. Keep it simple like, clap, clap - clap, clap. Slowly introduce more complicated rhythms that require them to listen carefully to successfully repeat it.

Fingerplay



Ten Little Fingers

I have ten little fingers, they all belong to me
 I can make them do things, would you like to see?
 I can close them up tight, I can open them wide
 I can press them together, I can make them hide!
 I can hold them up high, I can hold them down low
 I can fold them together, and hold them just so!





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Fun activities to promote literacy and learning

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Visit the Medina County Fair and look for the Bookmobile.	2 Set up a play store. Count your money. What can you buy?	3 Learn the fingerplay <i>10 Little Fingers</i> (Words on the other side.)
4 List all the words you can think of that rhyme with sun.	5 Play <i>Echo Me</i> with a friend. Clap, stomp, beat a drum. Can they do the same?	6 Visit the library and check out a book about school.	7 Put paper in water. What happens? What if you leave it in water overnight?	8 Do you like dogs? Big dogs, small dogs, lazy dogs? What about hot dogs?	9 Learn about your favorite fruit. How and where does it grow? Eat a piece of it.	10 Talk about what makes you happy.
11 Sing the silliest song you know in the silliest voice you can!	12 How high can you count as you wash your hands?	13 Draw triangles on a piece of paper. Cut them out.	14 Use your senses to explore a marshmallow. What does it look, smell, feel, taste like?	15 At bedtime, tell a story about all you did today.	16 Tell a Joke Day. What is a pirate's favorite fish? A swordfish!	17 Read a book for 20 minutes today. Have a grown-up set a timer. Can you do it?
18 Pick out your own outfit today. Do you have a shirt that's the color of an apple?	19 Read a book about your favorite animal on hoopa.	20 Paint on the sidewalk with water. Does it last a long time or evaporate right away?	21 Have a game-playing tournament with your favorite games.	22 Talk about some of your favorite things that you did this summer.	23 Look outside your bedroom window. What do you see? What is the weather like?	24 Count how many books you read for the Summer Reading Game.
25 Play a game of <i>The Floor is Lava</i> .	26 Invite a friend over for lunch.	27 Sing like the birds outside.	28 Practice spelling your name out loud.	29 Make up a funny song about hats.	30 See how many pictures you can make by starting with a circle.	31 Play <i>Hide and Seek</i> .

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