

# Environmental Sounds

Phonics Phase 1 Aspect 1

Talk about sounds you like and sounds you don't like and why. Draw some pictures of things that make sounds that you like – for example, birds singing, the sea or a doorbell.



Go on a listening walk. You could go around your house or an outside area with an adult and practise listening carefully to all the different sounds you hear. Talk about what you heard.

What are environmental sounds?

These are the sounds we hear around us everyday. From the sounds in the park and vehicles on the road, to the machines and noises we hear in our homes.

Make your own noisy shaker! You could make a shaker by putting some small items into a plastic pot and covering the top with paper or silver foil. Try using some different items for the inside of your shaker – you could try rice, large buttons or stones, or dried pasta. Which sound do you like best?



Play a listening game by hiding a small toy and using vocal clues to guide your child to find the toy. When they get nearer to the hidden toy, make your voice louder; when they get further away, make your voice quieter.