



Skills Builder

Practising
essential skills

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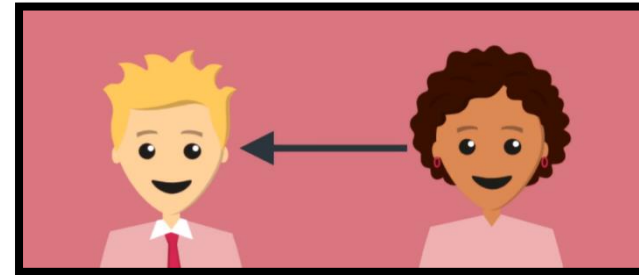


Listening: receiving, retaining and processing information

This skill is about how children receive information – whether from a friend, a teacher, or someone else.

Initially, children reliably receive information by maintaining focus, recalling simple instructions, checking they understand, and passing on information accurately.

Next, learners listen actively, recognising communication's purpose, making notes, demonstrating their engagement, and using open questions.



Suggested activities to try at home to build the skill - Listening

For older children

Listen to and review an audiobook or podcast. Talk or write about what was good about it and if you would recommend it to others.

Arrange a phone or video call with an older family member. Speak clearly and listen carefully to the other person in the conversation.

