



“Listen First” Games to Boost Language Skills

Why they work: Strong listening builds the foundation for speaking. These games teach kids to notice sounds, rhythm, and meaning before trying to say the words.

3 SIMPLE LISTENING GAMES

1. Sound Detective

Close your eyes and guess the sound: keys jingling, water pouring, paper crumpling.

2. Clap the Word

Say short phrases (“cupcake,” “yellow ball”) and clap the number of syllables together.

3. Who Said It?

Hide stuffed animals and make them “talk.” Child guesses which one spoke.

BONUS:

Play short animal-sound or instrument clips and let your child imitate them.
The brain connects listening to movement.

💡 Listening practice comes first; talking confidence follows.

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