Lesson 1: Listening to Learn



What Is My Child Learning?

Your child is learning rules for how to be a good listener.

Why Is This Important?

Being good listeners helps children be better learners. Following the Listening Rules helps children listen and pay attention in class.

Ask your child: What are the Listening Rules in your class? (Read each rule below and do the action along with your child.)

Eyes watching: Point to the corners of your eyes. **Ears listening:** Cup your ears with your hands. **Voice quiet:** Put your finger to your lips.

Body still: Hug your torso with both arms.

Why is it important to follow the Listening Rules? Possible answers: It helps you learn. It is respectful.

Listening Rules

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Practice at Home

Before giving directions for daily activities, such as getting ready for school, setting the table, or getting ready for bed, remind your child to use the Listening Rules. For example:

You need to use your Listening Rules now. Do the actions for each rule along with your child, then give the directions: Please put a placemat and a knife and fork on the table for each person.

Activity

Go through each of the Listening Rules with your child. Then tell your child to use these rules for this activity. When your child is ready, read the following riddle: I'm round. I'm red. You can pick me off a tree and eat me. What am I? Have your child write or draw the answer below.

