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What is this game for?

When children find it hard to make speech sounds they can feel very self conscious.

They may have difficulties because their tongue and lips just won't go where they want them to, or are not well coordinated. This often occurs when children have "dyspraxia".

By using everyday sounds we are taking the pressure off and helping children to practice making sounds in a fun way.

This game is also helpful as an attention and listening activity.

What to do

Cut out the pictures along the bold lines, to make two lotto boards, and a set of twelve individual picture cards.

Each player has a lotto board, and the individual pictures are placed in a pile, face downwards, in the middle.

Players take it in turns to take a card and make the sound. They must not say what is on the picture, but just make the sound.

The other player(s) listen carefully to recognize the sound, and if they have that picture on their board they can claim it.

First player to collect all 6 pictures on their card is the winner!

Other Ideas

If you have three players, one can be the "caller" while the other two children have a board each.

Discuss other everyday sounds you hear.

Sit quietly and listen to all the sounds around you. Can you draw what you hear?

Go for a listening walk, mentioning everything you hear along the way. How many sounds can you remember when you get back to the classroom?

What sounds do you like to hear? What sounds do you not like to hear?