



Great Little Listener

for younger children

A story that teaches children why it is important to listen closely and how they can become better at listening.

Get Ready!

Resources

Audio Track # 7

Teaching Point

Introduce the concept of listening closely so that we can really hear what people say and feel.

Other Ideas

- ▶ Ask children to describe some of their favorite sounds and noises, for example songs, animal sounds, computer game noises, their friends' voices, laughing, etc.
- ▶ Ask children what it would be like if they were unable to hear any of these sounds and noises.
- ▶ Discuss why listening is important to them and to you.

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Activity

- ✓ Listen to the audio.

Wrap-up

What did the story on the Great Little Listener talk about? Probe for details.

What could you do to be a Great Listener? Ask children to share their ideas for listening well.

Homework

Listen very closely today, tonight and tomorrow so that you can hear some wonderful sounds and the good things people often say.

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