



Learning to Listen – Feeding Pets

Collaborative with North Carolina

Early Learning Sensory Support Program

Stages of Listening to Sound

Children with hearing loss using cochlear implants or hearing aids need help learning to listen. Everyday routines are perfect for learning and making sound-object connections. Knowing the stages of listening can help you support your child with learning to listen while feeding pets.

Awareness	Identification	Comprehension
Caregiver helps me notice a sound by pointing to it and naming it.	I know what the sound is.	I notice, understand, and respond to the sound.

Sound Awareness	Sound Identification	Sound Comprehension
Try saying these things when feeding your pets:	You know this is happening when:	You know this is happening when:
"I heard the dog bark, woof woof."	The child looks at the dog.	The child might point and say, "woof woof" or "dog."
"I heard the chickens cluck."	The child looks at the chickens.	The child might point and say, "bok bok," "chicken," or "cluck cluck."
"I heard the dog eating, chomp chomp."	The child looks at the dog eating.	The child might point and say, "mmm," "yum yum," or "eat."

"I heard the cage rattle."	The child looks at the cage or gate.	The child might point and say, "open," "in," or "close."
"I heard the cats running to eat."	The child looks at the cats.	The child might point and say, "cat," "eat," or "meow."
"I heard the fish tank bubble, blub blub."	The child looks at the fish tank.	The child might point and say, "blub blub" or "fish."