



Learning to Listen - Shopping

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 shopping.

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 while shopping:	You know this is happening when:	You know this is happening when:
"I heard the grocery cart rattle, clank clank."	The child looks at the cart.	The child might point and say, "clank" or "cart."
"I heard the doors open."	The child looks at the doors.	The child might point and say, "open," "door," or "in."
"I heard the bag rustle."	The child looks at the bag.	The child might point and say, "buy," "mine," or "open."
"I heard the box drop, uh oh."	The child looks at the box.	The child might point and say, "uh oh" or "oh no."

"I heard the person say, 'Hi.'"	The child looks at the person.	The child might point and say, "hi" or "bye-bye."
"I heard the scanner, beep beep."	The child looks at the scanner.	The child might point and say, "beep beep," "done," or "bye-bye."