



Learning to Listen - Toileting

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 during toileting or diaper changes.

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 during toileting or diaper changes:	You know this is happening when:	You know this is happening when:
"I heard the water diaper open, shoo."	The child looks at the diaper.	The child might point and say, "dirty" or "shoo."
"I heard the wipes crinkle."	The child looks at the wipes.	The child might point and say, "open" or "wipe."
"I heard the toilet flush, whoosh."	The child looks at the toilet.	The child might point and say, "done," "bye-bye," or "flush."

"I heard the fan"	The child looks at the fan or overhead.	The child might point and say, "loud."
"I heard the soap squirt."	The child looks at the soap.	The child might point and say, "wash" or "bubbles."
"I heard the changing table squeak."	The child looks at or wiggles on the table.	The child might point and say, "squeak."