

HELPING PUPILS TO IMPROVE ATTENTION AND LISTENING SKILLS

- **Reduce background noise and distractions where possible.**
Wait for the class to be quiet before starting.
- **Make the pupil aware of good listening skills.**
Encourage the pupil to sit still and watch. Give positive feedback e.g. "...good looking", "... I like the way you are listening carefully"
- **Remember to use an appropriate level of language.**
This may involve using short, simple sentences, or rephrasing or chunking information.
- **Check that the information has been understood.**
Observe the pupils responses or ask questions that require understanding. Avoid asking, "Did you hear that?" as pupils will usually just nod in reply.
- **Work for short periods of time on listening.**
Pupils with hearing aids are concentrating extra hard throughout the day.
- **Refocus the child's attention where necessary.**
Cue him/her into the subject . Use visual supports if necessary.
- **Focus the pupil's attention before giving instructions** e.g. "Jack...are you ready to listen..."



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