

Listening Bag Busy Bag

Activity Guide

You will need:

- **Noisemaker Picture Cards** (cut out)
- Percussion instruments or noise makers
- Fabric Bag

The Activity

Before the activity, cut out the Noise Maker Picture Cards and put the instruments into the fabric bag.

- Sit down quietly with your child.
- Explain to them that there is something in the bag for them to hear. Show lots of excitement and expression to encourage your child to listen.
- Cup your ear and encourage them to do the same.
- Play an item inside the bag, without letting your child see what it is.
- Ask your child what they think it is. Play it again and talk together about the noise that is being made. Use lots of descriptive language and encourage your child to join in.
- Bring the instrument out of the bag and let your child explore it - making sounds and having fun.
- Do the same with the other instruments.
- Leave the instruments out for your child to explore alongside the Noise Maker Cards.
- Show your child the pictures and observe if they are able to make the link between an instrument on the picture and one being played.

