Learning To Listen
Sounds And Phrases

The Learning to Listen (LTL) sounds and associated objects or actions are hallmarks of teaching spoken language through listening. The LTL sounds were chosen by early Auditory-Verbal practitioners because they are easy to hear for most babies wearing hearing devices, and they follow normal language development which makes playing with them fun for babies. This also includes the beginning sounds, phrases, and commands that are commonly spoken in early infant and child routines.

You and your LSL interventionist can select items from this list to engage your child in home and intervention activities. When you use LTL sounds in combination with LSL strategies, you’ll be growing your child’s brain for listening and spoken language.

**Sounds for ANIMALS**
- BEAR  grr-grr
- BIRD  tweet tweet, whistle
- CAT, KITTY  meow
- CHICKEN  cluck, cluck
- COW  moo
- CROW  caw, caw
- DOG  bow-wow, ruff-ruff
- DUCK  quack-quack
- FISH  swish, swish, swish
- FROG, RABBIT  hop-hop-hop
- HORSE  neigh, tongue click
- LION  rroar-rroar
- MONKEY  ee-ee-ee, hee, hee
- MOUSE  squeak-squeak
- OWL  hoo-hoo
- PIG  oink, oink
- ROOSTER  cock-a-doodle-doo
- SHEEP  baa-a-a-a
- SNAKE, SPIDER  s, sss

**Sounds for ACTIONS**
- CRYING  wah, wah, wah
- EATING  mmmmmm
- SLEEPING  shhhh
- SMELLING  mmmmm

**Sounds for VEHICLES**
- AIRPLANE  ah, a-a-a
- BOAT  p, pu, pu,pu
- TRAIN  oo, oo-oo-oo
- CAR, TRUCK  b-r-r-r, beep/brr
- BOAT, POPPING TOY  p,p,p
- BUS  bu-bu-bu
- AMBULANCE  owowowow
- FIRETRUCK  ee-oo-ee-oo
- POLICE CAR  wowowowo
- MOTORCYCLE  mmmmmmm

**Sounds for NOUNS**
- BABY DOLL  mama, wah-wah
- BUBBLES  bu, bu, pop-pop
- CLOCK, WATCH  t-t-t. tic-toc
- CLOWN  ha-ha-ha
- SLIDE  up, up, up wee-e
- WATER  pshhhh
- WHEELS  round and around
  (top, windmill)
- YOYO  wheeee
Commands/ Familiar Phrases
FOR ACTION

- Blow-blow the feather
- Bounce-bounce the ball
- Brush your hair
- Brush your teeth
- Cover up the baby
- Cut-cut…cut the banana
- Give it to me
- Give it a kiss
- Go-up-up-up (stairs, lift me up)
- Have a drink
- Jump-jump-jump
- Knock-knock
- Listen! 1-2-3 go!
- Mmm, smell the flower
- No-no-no, don’t touch
- No-no-no, don’t bite
- Open your eyes / Close your eyes
- Pat the baby
- Pick it up
- Play the music
- Pop-pop the bubbles
- Push the button
- Push-push it down
- Put it on
- Roll the ball
- Run, run, run
- Shhh, go to sleep
- Sit down
- Stop it
- Tickle the baby
- Turn it over
- Turn the page
- Wait a minute
- Wake Up
- Walk-walk-walk
- Wash-wash your hands
- Wave bye-bye
- Wipe your mouth
- Wipe your nose
- Wipe the tray

Common PHRASES

- Brrrr that’s cold
- Bye-bye
- Good-night
- Help me
- Hi baby
- I want a _______
- I want more
- I see a _______
- I like the _______
- I’m mommy, daddy
- It goes round and round
- It’s all gone
- It’s broken
- It’s dirty
- It’s my turn
- It’s soft
- It’s sticky
- It’s stuck
- It’s wet
- It’s your turn
- Mmmmm that’s good
- Night-night
- Ouch!
- Ow, it’s sore
- That’s funny
- That’s hot
- That’s mine
- That’s my shoe, nose, mouth
- That’s pretty
- Uh-oh, it fell down
- Up-oh, it spilled
- What a mess
- Where’s the _______?
- Wow! (surprised)
- You have a _______