How to improve listening and attention skills in primary-school children. Listening is one of the most important skills for primary school children to master, but it doesn’t always come easily, especially in the early years of school. But with a bit of work, you can help your child develop their listening ability, with knock-on improvements in their achievement at school.

Why listening matters. „We can expect most children to be able to settle down voluntarily and listen effectively to their teacher by the age of six to seven. But that assumes they’ve had the right sort of experience“ such as having adults spend time with them, listening to what they say, and many opportunities to play outdoors with other children,” Sue says. How to develop your child’s listening skills. Teaching English to very young children can be challenging, especially if you haven’t done any training for the early years classroom. The first time I walked into a kindergarten, I didn’t want to go back the next day. „It is vital to get the approach right for children of this age. You soon realise that children learn and develop at different rates and in different ways. If we don’t understand the age group, we can end up doing more damage than good,” As Tina Bruce outlines in her book Early Childhood Education, we can’t separate learning into compartments with this age group because there’s so much going on. Children are all developing socially, emotionally, physically and linguistically as they try to understand the world around them.

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