

Listen for the word

WHAT YOU NEED

A made up story or a story from a book.

HOW TO PLAY

Talk about the story and who is in it.

Give one or two of the characters a certain sound / action – howl for a wolf or put your hands up as long ears for a rabbit.

Tell the story and emphasise the name of the character you have talked about.

Each time the toddler hears the character's name, they must make the sound or do the action.

Start off with only one character. If the toddler finds this easy, try with two or three. To help, leave a gap after the character's name, so that the toddler can fill the gap with the action or sound.

This is a good game for playing with a small group of toddlers. Everybody can listen for the same character or different people could listen for different characters.