

Listening Activities

Environmental Sounds:

****Brain Teasers** – <http://brainconnection.positscience.com/brain-teasers/>

- Offers several activities for discriminating non-speech sounds such as acorn drop and frog jump.

The Find Sounds Search Engine – <http://findsounds.com/>

- Locates online sounds made by birds, animals, natural events, household items, musical instruments, holiday events, people, tools, vehicles, and more.

Animal Sounds – <http://www.perunakellari.fi/animalsounds/animal-e.html>

- Invites the user to type the name of the animal heard from a word bank of 21 animals.

Who Am I? – <http://www.kidsplanet.org/games/js/whoami.html>

- Asks users to guess sounds made by 20 animals heard at night.

Fisher Price Animal Sounds Game –

<http://www.fisherprice.com/us/littlepeople/clubhouse/games.asp?section=animalsounds&gameID=LP>

- Users click on the picture of the animal they hear.

Crickweb – <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/assets/resources/flash.php?file=sound1f>

- Users identify sounds and sort musical instrument sounds.

Which One Makes the Sound You Hear? –

<http://www.scholastic.com/earlylearner/parentandchild/music/musicmatch.htm>

- Has eight animal and musical instrument sounds

Listening for Speech:

****Brain Teasers** – <http://brainconnection.positscience.com/brain-teasers/>

- Has several activities, such as Sound Dominos and Memory that feature discriminating speech sounds.

****What Do You Hear?** – <http://www.cambridge.org/interchange/arcade/>

- Has 16 units for discrimination practice of vocabulary and grammar. Choose level of difficulty, then “Sort by Activity Type”, and then select an activity from the “What do you hear?” option.

****Alien Scavenger Hunt** – <http://www.earobics.com/gamegoo/games/alien/ashlo.html>

- Asks players to choose the sounds they hear in the word presented.

****Lanolin’s Greenhouse** – <http://www.professorgarfield.org/Phonemics/greenhouse/greenhouse.html>

- Allows practice of listening for beginning word sounds.

****Lanolin's Pumpkin Patch -**

http://www.professorgarfield.org/Phonemics/pumpkin_patch/pumpkin_patch.html

- Is a game of listening for end word sounds.

Fuzzy Lion Ears – <http://pbskids.org/lions/games/ears.html>

- Is a game of listening for beginning word sounds.

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Language Guide (English) – <http://www.languageguide.org/english/>

- Offers practice in hearing many common vocabulary words through pictures and accompanying audio.

Listening Activities for Adults:

****Randall's Listening Lab –** <http://www.esl-lab.com/>

- Offers everyday conversations with adult and child voices and also asks questions at easy, medium, and difficult levels about what has been said.

****English Language Listening Lab –** http://www.elllo.org/games/student_games.htm

- Provides several audio examples and asks the listener to choose the correct picture from a selection and answer a question.

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ESL Listening Games – <http://www.manythings.org/> -- under “Speaking” or “Listening & Reading”

- Suggested options: <http://www.manythings.org/ac/> or <http://www.manythings.org/pp/>
- Activities are timed & very challenging.

English Listening – <http://www.englishlistening.com/index.php/listen-to-passages>

- Passages for listening are provided – some free, more with a subscription. Multiple levels of difficulty are provided.

Cochlear Implant Daily Rehab – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/421783617910242/>

- Listening activities (speech, telephone and music) are posted daily.

Facebook Resources

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- Listening activities for CI users are posted daily.

Telephone Listening Resources:

The Listening Room – http://www.hearingjourney.com/listening_room/index.cfm?langid=1

- Provides activities and resources to support the development of speech, language, and listening skills of children, adolescents, and adult cochlear implant recipients. Requires creating an account.

AngelSound – <http://angelsound.tigerspeech.com/>

- A downloadable computer program with multiple modules for basic, intermediate and advanced speech and sound discrimination in quiet and noise. Requires a PC or a Mac with a VirtualPC simulator program.

Phone Practice – <http://hope.cochlearamericas.com/listening-tools/telephone-training>

Additional Resources:

The Listening Room – http://www.hearingjourney.com/listening_room/index.cfm?langid=1

- Provides activities and resources to support the development of speech, language, and listening skills of children, adolescents, and adult cochlear implant recipients. Requires creating an account, which also provides access to the Advanced Bionics Hearing Journey forums and support group. (http://www.advancedbionics.com/us/en/get_connected/hearingjourney.html)

Distorted Tunes Test (For Fun) – <http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/tunetest/Pages/Default.aspx>

- A listening activity that may demonstrate some challenges with your own auditory discrimination.

Music listening – www.youtube.com

- In the search bar, enter a song and add “with lyrics” to the search criteria. The available videos should play the song with accompanying lyrics on the screen. Please be aware these videos are not quality controlled and may have errors in the lyrics.

Downloadable Resources:

Listening Tests for Auditory Bombardment –

<http://www.ivent.com.au/~speech/pdf/listeninglists2010pf.pdf>

- Word lists for similar-sounding words discrimination practice.

AngelSound – <http://angelsound.tigerspeech.com/>

- A downloadable computer program with multiple modules for basic, intermediate and advanced speech and sound discrimination in quiet and noise. Requires a PC or a Mac with a VirtualPC simulator program.

HearCoach -- <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/hear-coach/id489515928?mt=8>

- Downloadable listening practice program for iPhone or iPad. Includes multiple levels of difficulty and background noise. Aimed primarily at adults.

HOPE Words app – <http://hope.cochlearamericas.com/listening-tools/HOPEWords>

- Downloadable listening practice program for iPhone or iPad. Aimed primarily at children.

Kindle app Audiobooks – Available for iPad or iPhone through the iTunes store or the Kindle e-reader.

- Many books will play audio and highlight the spoken words simultaneously if “text-to-speech” option is applied.

Ebook reader -- <http://www.rudenko.com/ebook.html>

- Downloadable ebook reader with many freeware ebooks and a “read aloud” function available

Listening Activities for those without Computer Access:

- 1) Listen to audio books while reading along with the regular book. You may wish to start with children's books depending on comfort level and how you are performing with you CI. He/she could also have a family member or friend read the newspaper or other print resource while the patient follows along.
- 2) Listen to closed sets of words spoken by a family member or friend. Reference Julie's list. Or patient can make their own list with names that are important to them. After that they can move to broader categories with a greater number of choices (e.g. animals).
- 3) Listen to common phrases with a listening coach/partner. The individual could generate a list of common phrases that they use with their spouse/family members and practice listening for and/or repeating these.