

ATTENTION AND LISTENING DEVELOPMENT

Stage 1

Fleeting Attention
(0-1 year)

Children are easily distracted by sounds and smells. Their attention flits between people and objects.

Rigid Attention
(1-2 years)

Children can concentrate on a chosen activity but may not respond to their name being called.

Single Channelled Attention
(2-3 years)

Children can follow an adult led activity. They can follow simple instructions but cannot do this while completing a task simultaneously

Stage 2

Focused Attention
(3-4 years)

Children can only concentrate on one thing at time, but they can now shift their attention to an new activity without support.

Two Channelled Attention
(4-5 years)

Children should be able to listen to instructions while completing another activity at the same time.

Integrated Attention
(5-6 years)

Children should be able to attend to activities without frequent reminding to stay on task and be able to attend to people and activities in numerous environments.

