

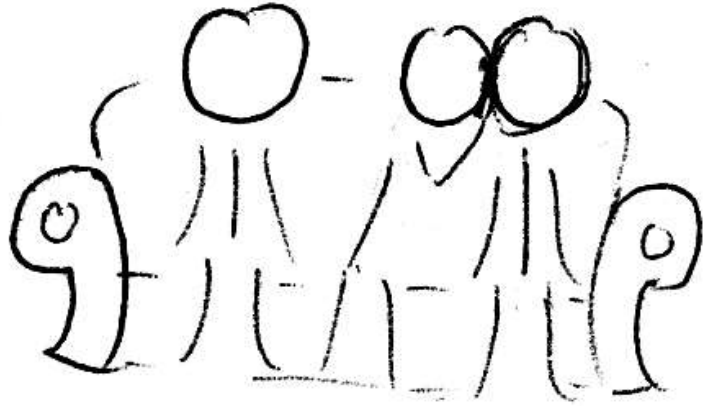
C. Listening Skills

Skills practiced: concentration, discerning differences in sounds (needed in learning to read), taking turns.

#C1: Telephone

Needed: Nothing

Activity: Everyone sits down in a circle. Whisper a word in one person's ear. They whisper the word in the next person's ear, all the way around the circle. When the word comes to the last person, they say it out loud. Is it the same word?



Variations: Write the first word on a piece of paper or blackboard. Don't let anyone see it. When the last person says the word out loud, show the class the word you wrote down. Write down the word the last person said. Is it the same?

Increase difficulty by whispering a phrase rather than just one word (for example, "a big dog" or "free french fries")

Increase difficulty by whispering a whole sentence.

#C1a: The Same Sound

Needed: Nothing.

Activity: Everyone sits down in a circle. The first person says a word out loud. The next person must say a different word which starts with the same sound. Do this all the way around the circle or until the students run out of words.

Switch to a different starting sound and repeat.

Variations: Every fourth person (or third person) may change the starting sound.

Instead of starting with the same sound, the words need to rhyme (end with the same sound).

Optional Worksheet #C1a: The Same Sound