

*Attention and listening*  
*– Listening to sounds*  
**Copying sounds**



**BIG EARS**  
**THE ELEPHANT**

# Copying sounds

## WHAT YOU NEED

Different noisemakers – musical instruments or everyday items such as plastic bowls for drums, saucepan lids for cymbals, empty bottles filled up with rice for shakers.

## HOW TO PLAY

Make a noise with the noisemakers. See if the toddler can copy the sounds. Next, see if they can copy a set of very simple beats.

## PLAY IT A DIFFERENT WAY

This time, you need two of each noise making toy or object – one set for you and one set for the toddler.

Put a barrier, such as a large book, between the two sets of noisemakers – you are on one side and the toddler is the other. Make a sound with one of your noisemakers. Can the child copy the sound with the same noisemaker from their set?

Don't worry if this is too difficult for now, help the toddler by finding the same noisemaker. Bring them both up from the barrier to show that they are the same. Try again now or another time, depending on the interest of the child.