

SOUND GAME!

KS1 & KS2

Aim: To raise the auditory attention of the group. Children should be encouraged to use their sense of hearing to discover wildlife.

Key Messages:

- Make the game fun!
- Noise Pollution drowns out natural noises. Birds songs and calls are lost
- Sound is used to communicate. It can be used to warn of danger, attract a mate and mark a territory
- Don't forget sounds like the wind in the trees, a stream, the splash of fish or the buzzing of insects.
- Ask the children to think about the sounds they have heard and ask them to say whether they are natural or man-made

Preparation: Find a suitable space and scan the area for any unwanted items! The children can stand or sit.

Equipment: Give each child a pencil and a post it or piece of paper.

Restrictions: None

Teacher Notes: Ask the children to sit or stand for 1-10minutes to listen for sounds. KS1 children can mark a sound by raising a finger for each sound. KS2 children can create a sound map using their paper. They should mark a cross in the centre and annotate the paper using symbols to relate to the sound. I.e. the sound of a stream can be marked by two wiggly lines, a bird by a musical note and the wind in the trees with an arrow and stick tree. At the end of the time ask the children to discuss the sounds they have heard. Children should be encouraged to listen rather than spending a long time on drawing the sound. They can mark their favourite sounds or sounds they have never heard before. The map should show where most of the sounds came from i.e. a road or the bushes.

The following questions can be asked:

- How many different sounds did you hear?
- What sounds did you like the best? Why?
- What sound did you like the least? Why?
- Were there any sounds you haven't heard before?
- Do you know the names of the birds that made the sounds?
- What man-made sounds did you hear?

Further/Alternative study:

- You could concentrate on a particular sound i.e. birds
- You could compare different areas of the reserve
- Ask the children which animals use sound to catch their prey i.e. foxes, owls.