

## Instrument Matching

This game helps children to build their attention and listening skills.

### You will need:

Pairs of instruments i.e. 2 sets of bells, 2 sets of shakers, 2 sets of drums or 2 sets of triangles.

You could also use pairs of keys, saucepans and wooden spoons, newspaper (scrunching), water bottles (to shake), baking tin with elastic bands over, or anything you can think of with a good sound to it.

### How to play:

- Place one set of instruments on the table or floor for your child to see.
- Now place an identical somewhere where the instruments can't be seen (behind a chair or big box)
- Pick up each instrument and let the sound it makes be heard clearly.
- Let your child take a turn playing it, so they begin to get familiar with them.
- Next let the child hear the sounds from the hidden instruments one at time.
- As they listen, they need to match the sound of the hidden instrument heard by pointing or playing the same instrument in front of them.
- If this is a bit tricky, then you can show the instrument whilst making the noise and encourage them to pick up the same one.

