

Ideas for encouraging auditory memory

- Play 3 / 4 or more musical instruments to be recalled in the correct order – could choose musical instruments and then play them in the correct order or point to pictures in order
- Repeating sound patterns e.g. clapping patterns
- Joining in and then remembering and reciting nursery rhymes etc. – remembering the actions in the correct order may precede or accompany the words
- Find objects / colours etc. in the correct order – could point to pictures or put objects in correct order
- Repeating patterns of words; extend the number of words e.g. “red / purple / blue”; “red purple blue green” “red purple blue green yellow”; could be animals or other groups of words
- Word / sentence lotto
- Recite a rhyme and answer questions e.g. Baa baa black sheep – what colour are the sheep; what was in the bags?
- Shopping list: “I went shopping and I bought.... Each child recalls the items already on the list and then adds another.
- Medium / long-term recall: messages / information especially after an interval of time; these can be built into home and classroom routines if adults are alerted to the opportunities
- Recall of events in sequence to describe narrative – improving the accuracy of recall by comparison and increasing the length and complexity of the narrative used