



BLINK AT HOME

Sound Maps

How can I show what I am hearing?

Skills to Develop

- + Science content knowledge
- + Early literacy
- + Verbal communication
- + Written communication

Materials

- + Imagination Library soundscape booklist
- + Colored pencils/markers/crayons
- + Paper
- + Clipboard or drawing surface

WHAT TO DO

During the Learning Activity

1. Choose your favorite *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library* sound themed book from our soundscape booklist. Read the book, asking questions about the story, characters, and sounds in the book as you read.
2. Discuss the different sounds in the book and brainstorm sounds you might hear in different places. Ask: *what kinds of sounds do you hear when we go outside? What sounds do you hear while fishing? What sounds do you hear at the grocery store?*
3. Head outside and listen quietly. You may want to have your child close their eyes or set a timer for 30-60 seconds of listening time.
4. Discuss the sounds you hear. Ask: *what noises did you hear? What could they be? Do you hear living things? Do you hear non-living things? Do you hear people noises? Can you make sounds like the ones you heard?*
5. Encourage your child to draw a circle on their paper with a dot in the center that represents where they are sitting and draw pictures of the things they hear around their dot on the map. This sound map shows where sounds are happening in relation to where you are sitting. Ask questions about their drawing and record their descriptions on another piece of paper. Label papers with the location, time, and date of the listening session.
6. Repeat the process in the same location, but listen at different times of day and through different seasons. Look back at your records and compare the things you are hearing. Discuss how sounds change throughout the day and during different seasons.

Extend the Fun

- + Choose listening sites in your favorite spots around town and compare the sounds you hear in different places.



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BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

BLINK: SOUND MAPS

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Soundscape Booklist

Curated with Best Beginnings



- + *Squeak!* by Laura McGee Kvasnosky
- + *This Beach is Loud* by Samantha Cotterill
- + *I Hear a Pickle* by Rachel Isadora
- + *When the Storm Comes* by Linda Ashman
- + *Little Excavator* by Anna Dewdney