

The Listening Game

The parents and the child are each assigned a role – (i) speaker (ii) listener and (iii) observer. The speaker and listener sit opposite one another and the observer sits by the side, facing in. The speaker is instructed to give a short, simple account of an event which has actually happened to them. The speaker should not be interrupted or questioned. The listener is instructed to listen to what is being said and then to repeat back the narrative as accurately as possible to the speaker. The observer is to listen to both accounts and then comment on the listener's performance. The game is repeated twice more so that each group member has a turn at being speaker, listener and observer.