

## Sounds in Space

## **Resources**

A range of tuned and untuned instruments including instruments made from reclaimed materials, additional adults to help play the game

## **Learning opportunities**

- Development of listening skills including sound discrimination
- Supports directional hearing
- Supports expressive language skills, including the promotion of vocabulary

## **Activity ideas**

- Start simply by positioning two adults known to the children in an open room, in
  two opposite corners. The adults need to be hidden behind a screen of some
  description, out of the children's sight. Ask the children to move around the room;
  on a given signal the children must stop and one of the adults speaks. The children
  make their way towards the corner of the room where the voice is coming from. The
  adult reveals themselves from behind the screen. To make it more challenging ask
  the children which adult they think it is before revealing themselves.
- The first activity can become more challenging by adding a third or fourth adult (if available).
- Once the children are familiar with the game, swap an adult's voice with an
  instrument. To begin with ask the children to move to the screen where they hear
  the instrument playing. The activity can become more challenging by asking the
  children what instrument they think is playing.
- For those children who are excellent at discriminating sounds.... Ask all adults to play their instruments simultaneously and instruct the children to find the screen where X is playing.

