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Language development starts early in life and literacy skills are directly related to auditory development. Children may spend up to 45 % of their time in

## Improving your listening environment

- Cover hard surfaces with softer absorbent materials – curtains, carpets, cushions etc.
- Put felt in equipment trays, have blinds half closed not fully open. Close doors to other rooms.
- Discourage shouting within the room. Actively encourage children to speak quietly at times.
- Use old tennis balls cut in half to reduce noisy scraping of chair legs.
- Use hearing aids effectively together with FM (radio) systems in the classroom for those children who benefit from their use.
- Use a CSFS (Classroom Soundfield System) to maximise listening for all children.

**Complete our checklist and make adjustments to your listening environment where negative scores are recorded, where you can.**

## Acoustically friendly checklist

**Amplification technology**

effective use of hearing aids	cochlear implant	effective use of radio aids	additional leads/ adaptors (tv, computer)	classroom Soundfield system
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