

Transforming lives through learning

Name of exercise	Misdirection signals
Description of exercise	Begin with running; encourage the learners to be calm when running, to relax their arms and shoulders, to make their own pathway and listen.
	As they are running, inform them that you will give them a signal (like a whistle) that triggers a specific action (like a change of direction).
	When you give the signal make it something other than the whistle (like clap your hands, or say 'go').
	The learners should not react to this signal, as it is not what was agreed – but those who are not paying close attention will react.
	Repeat this process several times until the learners understand that they must listen carefully and differentiate between the signals you provide.
Key themes that this exercise can support	Inhibition control, cue recognition
Emphasised at	Early and Third levels
Appropriate for	First – Fourth levels

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