

# Making Phonics Fun!

## **Mood Sounds**

Say a sound and ask your child to repeat it. Ask them to say the sound as if they were angry, happy, frightened etc.

## **Monster Muncher Game**

Use a cereal box to make a monster with a large hole for the mouth. Collect a variety of objects beginning with 2 different sounds. Ask your child to select an object from your tray that begins with a certain sound. Let them feed the object to the monster which replies with an mmmm sound if they are correct.

## **Croaker**

Introduce a puppet to your child. Explain that it is finding it hard to say some words. Ask your child to select an object out of a bag. The puppet pronounces it incorrectly – maybe missing off the initial or end sound. Your child helps the puppet say the word, correctly emphasising the part of the word that was missing, i.e. the puppet says 'encil' the child can say the word correctly 'pencil' and then the adult can emphasise the 'p' sound that was missing.

## **Rogue Sound Game**

Show a variety of objects to your child. All of the objects to have the same initial sound except for one item. Ask your child to identify which is the rogue item, i.e. sun, sausages, cup, scissors. This could be made harder by having to spot the object with the odd middle sound, e.g. coat, cloak, train, soap

## **Robots**

Sound out a word very slowly in the style of a robot, e.g. l – a – m – p. Your child has to blend the sounds they hear and say the whole word 'lamp'.



## **Bingo**

Bingo boards can easily be made to suit the ability of your child. You can use them in a variety of different ways to help your child learn different sounds. Make a board containing 6 sounds. Then make a set of 6 sound cards that match the board. You can make 2 boards to play a matching game with your child or one of you could be the bingo caller and say the sound on the cards and the other person finds it on their board and puts a counter or toy on it. You can just match the sounds or you could have some objects to match to the sound boards. This game can also be played with words.

## **Buried Treasure**

Write a combination of real and made up words onto pieces of paper. Children have to pick a word and read it. If it is real they can put it into a treasure chest (this can be a picture of a treasure chest, a special plate/bowl etc) and if it's a made up word they can put it in the 'bin'.

## **Word or sound splat**

Lay some words or sounds out in front of your child. Say a word and see how quickly your child can put their hand on it (splat!). This game is fun when used with fly swats (fun colourful fly swats in the shape of hands from the pound shop!).

## **Targets**

Write some words on big pieces of card/paper and put them on the floor or stuck to a wall. Say a word and your child has to throw a beanbag at the correct word.

## **Word skittles**

Stick some words to empty plastic bottles and line them up. Call out a word and your child must roll a ball and try and knock over the bottle with the correct word.

## **Hoop game**

Get 2 hoops, trays or plates and place a sound card on each of them e.g. s and a. Have a variety of objects beginning with these 2 sounds. Ask your child to select an object and say the name of it. Repeat it several times and then ask your child to place it on the correct sound tray.

