
Phonemic Awareness



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NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
4

1. Let's Play the Sound Match Game!

Activity

Spot words with similar sounds in a book.

How to Do It

While reading with your child, look for short words that share the same sound at the beginning, middle, or end. For example, find words with the same beginning sound like “big” and “bet,” middle sound like “pop” and “cob,” or end sound like “pig” and “leg.”

Why It's Helpful

This activity enhances your child's ability to recognize and differentiate sounds in different parts of words, a key skill in phonemic awareness.

2. Sound-Alike Scavenger Hunt!

Activity

Find words with the same initial sound.

How to Do It

Create a list of words that start with the same sound as the first sound in your child's name (e.g., for Shawn: “shave,” “share,” “shin”). Extend this game throughout the day, finding words that match the initial sound of various objects or activities.

Why It's Helpful

This game enhances your child's ability to identify and associate sounds with letters, making reading more intuitive.

3. Word Wizard Challenge: Can You Read This?

Activity

Encourage reading and spelling simple words.

How to Do It

During reading sessions, guide your child to sound out and read two-letter words like “in,” “on,” “up,” and three-letter words like “bat,” “cut,” “met.”

Why It's Helpful

This practice supports your child in blending sounds to form words, a fundamental phonemic skill necessary for reading.

4. Mixed Up Word Game!

Activity

Practice manipulating the individual sounds within words.

How to Do It

Encourage your child to substitute or remove the beginning, middle, or end sound of a word and then read the new words they create. For instance, use simple words like “rib” or “bud.” Ask questions to your child, such as, “What is ‘rib’ without the /r/ sound?” or “What happens to ‘bud’ if you replace the /u/ with an /e/?”

Why It's Helpful

This helps your child manipulate sounds in spoken words, a skill that is key in learning to read.

ADDITIONAL TIPS



- **Encourage Exploration**
Let your child choose some of the words or objects. This makes the learning process more engaging and tailored to their interests.
 - **Positive Reinforcement**
Celebrate their successes, no matter how small, to build confidence and enjoyment in learning.
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