

# Phonics games

## Games to play at home

### Eye Spy

'Something beginning with....' or 'Something that rhymes with...'



### Hoop Game

Get 2 hoops, trays or plates and place a letter 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 tray.

### Sound Hunt

Encourage children to hunt around the house or garden for objects beginning with a certain sound. This can also be done with words hidden around the house.

### Rogue Sound Game

Show a variety of objects to your child. All of the objects have the same initial sound except one. Ask them to identify the rogue item.

### Bingo

Bingo board can be easily made and differentiated. Put letters, digraphs, words etc. in 6 spaces and make 6 cards that match. Can your child match them? Can they be the 'bingo caller' and say what is on the card first.

### Letters/graphemes in the mud

Encourage children to write letters/graphemes in different ways. Write them with a stick in the mud, with their finger in sand, a straw in paint. This is not only great for their sound/letter correspondence but also for handwriting.

### Treasure/Trash

Make some word cards with real and non-sense words using a variety of graphemes. Decode the word together, blend and decide if it is a real 'treasure' word or a 'trash' non-sense word (which can go in the bin).