

Phase 1 Games

Below are some of the listening games mentioned in the Phonics Guidance. These games will support your child's reading.

I-Spy

How to play:

I-Spy can be played in different ways. It can help with identifying initial sounds e.g. I spy something beginning with...t

It can also help with blending e.g. I spy a d-o-g, l-ea-f, c-ar, c-a-t, m-a-n (you say the sounds and let your child blend them together)

It can be played with rhyming words e.g. I spy something that rhymes with...

Simon Says

How to play:

To help with blending, simply say the sounds in the words and let your child blend them together e.g.

Simon says...j-u-m-p, h-o-p, r-u-n, f-r-ow-n, s-i-ng, s-i-t, t-ur-n

Simon says point to your b-a-ck, l-e-g, ar-m, h-ea-d, t-u-mm-y, ch-ee-k, h-a-n-d

What's in the box?

What you'll need:

A box, various objects from around the house

How to play:

Hide the objects in the box and say to your child,

In my box I've got a... e.g. t-r-ai-n, b-a-ll, k-ey, p-e-n, f-or-k

Say the sounds and let your child blend them together to guess the object. Let them take out the correct object from the box.

Silly Soup

What you'll need:

A bowl, a wooden spoon, a selection of objects from around the house e.g. hat, sock, car, doll, fork.

How to play:

Similar to Simon Says, this game can be played in different ways. It can help with blending, rhyming or hearing initial sounds in words.

Sing (to the tune of pop goes the weasel)

We're making lots of silly soup,

We're making soup that's silly,

We're going to put it in the fridge to make it nice and chilly.

Then say...

In goes...something beginning with s

OR

In goes...a f-or-k (say the sounds, let your child blend the sounds together)

OR

In goes...something that rhymes with...bat

Let your child identify the correct object and put into the bowl to stir.

Helpful websites (free)

www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 2 games: Buried Treasure, Obb & Bob, Picnic on Pluto

www.ictgames.com Help a hedgehog

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you might have. Email any questions and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you for your support.

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