

I Spy Sounds

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This fun game refines listening skills. It also creates an awareness that words are made up of separate sounds. It is important to note this is a letter sound activity as opposed to letter names.

Materials needed:

- Several small objects the child is familiar with (small plastic animals, mini car, truck, fresh fruit, a cup, a mug, a watch, etc.)
- Small container such as a basket, box, or tray
- Piece of fabric such as felt square, cloth napkin, or small towel

Set up:

Place the objects in the basket, box, or tray, then place the cloth next to the basket.



The Initial Sound Game

1. Remove each object one at a time from the basket, box, or tray. Place it on the cloth and name it. This clarifies the language used for the game.
2. The adult makes an eye glass with his/her hand and say's "I spy with my little eye, something on this cloth that starts with the sound (make sound of first letter)."
3. Continue with the remaining objects.

Note: If the child is very young place the object into their hand and say, " I spy with my little eye something in your hand that starts with the sound... (example sound)".

The Ending Sound Game

To be played when the child is mostly proficient with initial sounds.

1. Remove each object from the basket, box, or tray. Place it on the cloth and name it.
2. The adult makes an eyeglass with his/her hand and says, "I spy with my little eye, something that starts with --- and ends with ---".
3. Continue with the remaining objects.

The Medial Sound Game

To be played once the child is mostly proficient with initial and ending sounds.

- This is the same as the previous games, but the middle sound is emphasized.

Note: It is best to begin this game using objects that have three letters when spelled (rat, bat, mat, bug, rug, jug).