



# Phonics Fun at Home

Building Your Child's Reading Foundation!



## Why Phonics Matters

### Did You Know? Phonics Is the Key to Reading Success!

- Phonics teaches the sounds of letters to help children read words. 
- Sound recognition helps with speaking, listening, and writing. 
- Starting early builds confidence and curiosity in language. 

## 3 Voice Sounds



**Who's That Animal?:** Pretend to be different animals, using matching sounds (e.g., "Moo" for a cow, "Roar" for a lion). Have your child guess the animal or take turns making the sounds.

**Sound Bubbles:** Blow imaginary "bubbles" by making sounds like "p-p-p" or "b-b-b" while pretending to pop them with exaggerated facial expressions.

**Magic Microphone:** Use a pretend microphone and ask your child to "announce" something (e.g. "Dinner's ready") using different voices (e.g., a robot voice, a whisper, or a deep growl).



## 1 Listening to Sounds

**Sound Safari:** Go on a "listening walk" around your home, garden, or park. Ask your children to close their eyes and identify sounds (birds chirping, cars, wind, etc.).

**Mystery Sounds:** Use everyday objects (keys jingling, water pouring, paper crumpling). Make the sound behind a curtain or under a box and ask your child to guess what it is.

**Sound Stories:** Read a short story and have your child make sound effects for certain words (e.g., "buzz" for a bee, "swish" for wind).

## 4 Alliteration Games



**Silly Sentence Maker:** Choose a letter, and encourage your child to think of words starting with that letter. Together, create a silly sentence (e.g., "Sam's slippery snake slides slowly.").

**Name Fun:** Use your child's/ children's names and add fun, alliterative words (e.g., "Amazing Amelia," "Brilliant Ben").

**Play "I Spy":** with sounds (e.g., "I spy something that starts with s").

## 2 Body Percussion



**Copycat Sounds:** Clap, tap, stomp, or pat a simple rhythm, and have your child copy you. Start simple and make it more challenging as they get better.

**Sound Patterns:** Create a sequence (e.g., clap-clap-stomp) and ask your child to repeat it. Then, let them invent their own patterns for you to follow.

**Sing Nursery Rhymes:** Follow the rhythm with clapping, tapping or stomping.



## Tips for Success

1. Keep activities short and dynamic to match your child's attention spans.
2. Use plenty of praise and encouragement to build confidence.
3. Allow your child to lead the activity occasionally to boost their creativity.

