

Speech Sound Games

Speech is the cherry on the cake when it comes to children's talking. Here are some ways you can increase children's awareness of sounds and encourage them to say different sounds. Awareness of sounds comes first so it's just as important to work on this as well as producing the sounds.

NEVER 'tell' your child to say a sound, if they produce a sound then give them lots of praise but avoid saying 'say sssss'.

Remember, when you are saying the sounds to your child make sure you use the pure sound and not the letter to describe it! E.g 'b' and not 'bee' for B.

Listening Walks

Go for a walk and tune your child into the sounds they can hear in their environment. Point out objects that begin with target sounds.

Matching musical instruments

Put 3 instruments in the middle of the circle. Familiarise your child with the sounds. Ask your child to close their eyes & listen. The adult plays one instrument and the child has to choose the instrument. This game can be made harder by playing two instruments and the child must then copy the instruments in the same sequence.

Sound Lotto

Have a selection of sound picture cards out. When you say a sound, your child has to point or take the correct sound picture.

Collecting sound pictures

Get your child to find and collect pictures of objects starting with the target sound a make a scrapbook of them. This will be a good talking point and bring the child's attention to the sound.

Sound play bag

Put a selection of objects which contain the target sound in bag. Look through these with your child, giving the child clues about what the object could be before reveal it.

Sorting pictures/objects

Contrast different consonant sounds by sorting pictures or objects containing the sound that your child is aiming to produce and the sound they are producing instead. Sort these to identify if you child can hear the difference between the two sounds.