

Letters and Sounds Activities for Parents

"I spy with my little eye"



Place 3 objects or pictures on the table that all start with the same sound eg cat, cake, cup. Start the game by saying *I spy with my little eye something that begins with the sound* and give the SOUND of the first letter, 'cuh' for cat. Then ask: *What can it be?* Let your child pick one of the objects. Repeat with the others. Say the sound together. You could play this twice. For some children this will be enough, so stop! If they are still keen, repeat with 3 objects beginning with another SOUND eg "buh" for ball, bed, box. Children must have lots of practice hearing the same first sounds in words before you introduce a mixture of first sounds. Again, stop now if your child has had enough. If you feel your child is confident, put 4 objects on the table that begin with 2 different sounds eg cat, cup, box, ball. Say "I spy with my little eye, something beginning with ..."cuh" and see if they can choose the right object. If they can't, tell them the answer! It is not a test! Repeat with the other first sound.