

Phonic practise game ideas

- Bingo - reading and spelling words on a bingo board. Your child could read or spell different words and win bingo if they can read or spell words correctly.
- Word hunt - finding words and keywords hidden around your home.
- Matching pairs - finding and reading matching words. Word cards could be hidden for your child to find.
- Silly voices - say sounds in a high, low, happy or grumpy voice.
- 'Skip to it!' - run, jump, hop or skip to a certain word.
- 'Fishing for phonics' - 'fish' for words written on ping pong balls. The balls could be in the bath or hidden in the house. Your child could use a net to try and catch the balls.
- Sing an alphabet song - have lots of fun learning an alphabet song. Then point to a letter and ask your child to tell you its letter name and sound
- Splat the sound - use a fly catcher to splat the letters.
- Play connect four
- Use water balloons with graphemes on.
- Use chalk and walk through the word
- Use pots with letters and graphemes on to arrange to make new words **Into the pot:** Model the phrase 'into the pot goes' while placing objects that rhyme into a pot/bowl (for example, a bat, a hat, a cat, a mat). Ask your child to repeat with you. Do this lots of times and then see if they can do it independently. You can then vary this; choose objects so that they have to decide which will **not** go in the pot e.g. a cat, a rat, a hat, a bird.
- **Wizard's Magic River** - Prepare a box/tray with small objects or pictures from around the house (for example, a peg, a bag, a cup, a pen). Say the words, 'Wizard, Wizard can we cross your magic river?' Ask your child to repeat this to memorise the sentence. You are now the Wizard!
Then they say the sentence to you and you reply saying the sounds in order. For example, 'only if you give me the...' /p/ /e/ /g/. Develop these games further by using word cards instead of objects so your child reads the words



