

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Being able to hear and play with smaller sounds in words

Phonological Awareness is the ability to hear and manipulate the smaller sounds in words. Phonological awareness includes the ability to hear and create rhymes, to say words with sounds or chunks left out and the ability to put two word chunks together to make a word. Most children who have difficulty in reading have trouble in phonological awareness.

Read rhyming books together. Repeat nursery rhymes and sing little songs that include rhyming words.

Rhyming Books:
Jamberry by Bruce Degen
Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino
Down by the Bay by Raffi
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss

Read nursery rhymes or sing songs and clap along with the rhythm.

**Clap, clap
your hands
to the beat**



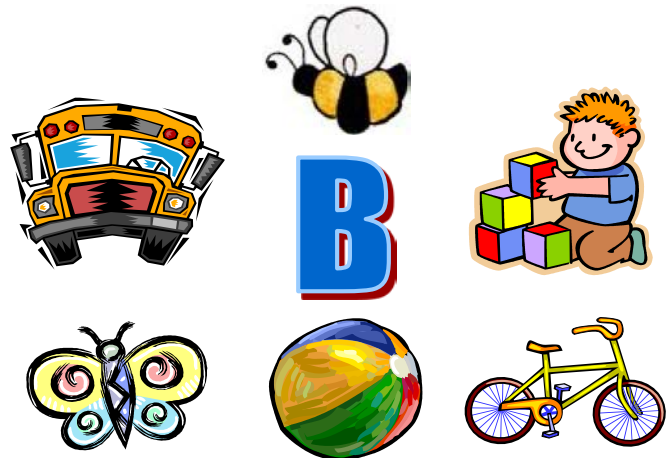
Sing songs! When you sing, words are naturally broken into smaller sound parts as you sing different notes. This gives your child practice at breaking words into syllables, an essential skill for later on.

The It-sy bit-sy spi-der.. 

Cook Mook
Hook
Book Look

Play with language! Make up words by changing the first letter in a word. How many silly words can you make up? Talk about with ones are real and which ones are just plain silly.

Play a game with your child where the goal is to find objects with names that begin with a certain initial sound. For example: "Let's find things that begin the "b" sound -- bee, ball, bike, bus, boy ..."
Try this during a walk or car ride.



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