

PHONEMIC AWARENESS

PLAYING WITH SOUNDS



WHAT IS PHONEMIC AWARENESS



It's sound play!

Children listen to sounds, clap them, tap them, and say them — no letters needed.

Just sounds. Just movement.

Just fun!

WHY IT MATTERS



- Builds strong listening and attention skills
 - Gets children ready to read and spell
 - Helps them hear beginning, middle, and ending sounds
 - Easy to do anywhere — no materials needed!

10 HOP
SOUND-PLAY
ACTIVITIES



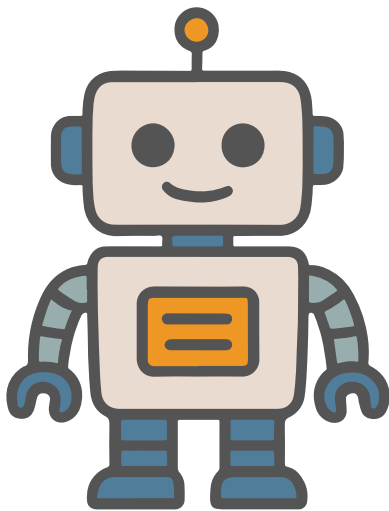
1. Sound Clap

Say a word slowly. Children clap once for each sound.



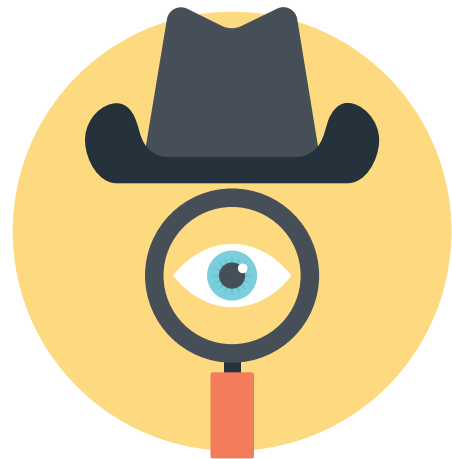
2. Sound Hop

Place two or three floor spots or papers. Children hop one hop per sound—just like a rabbit!



3. Robot Talk

Say word sounds like a robot: “/c/.../a/.../p/”.
Children blend: cap.



4. I Spy a Sound

“I spy something that starts with /s/.” Children find an object with that sound.



5. Tap the Sounds

Tap the table (or your knees) once per sound in a word.

Example: dog → tap-tap-tap.



6. Sound Freeze

Say a sound. When children hear the target sound, they freeze. For other sounds, they move or dance.



7. Sound Stretch

Stretch hands apart as you stretch the sounds: "/c/.../a/.../t/". Children say the word: cat.



(Sounds Only)

8. Odd One Out

Say three words: "sun – sock – duck". Children choose the one with a different beginning sound.



9. CopyCat

Make a sound and exaggerate the mouth shape. Children copy the mouth and repeat the sound -just like a copycat!



10. Sound Echo

Say a sound: "/t/". Children echo it back in a fun voice: robot, tiny mouse, giant, underwater, etc.

★ How to Use This Resource

- Try one activity for a few days, or follow the child's interest.
- Keep it short and playful.
- Start with beginning sounds.
- No letters needed -only listening and moving.

★ Quick-Start Routine

1. Listen – Hear the sounds.
2. Move – Clap, hop, or tap them.
3. Blend – Say the whole word.
4. Respond – "You just played with sounds!"





HOP helps young children learn to read through stories, actions, and playful sound activities.

We focus on simple, multisensory steps that build strong phonemic awareness and confident early readers.

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