



Pre-reading activities

Before a child is able to read they need to be able to hear and experiment with sounds. Therefore, this leaflet includes activities that can support your child's learning in fun, practical ways at home.

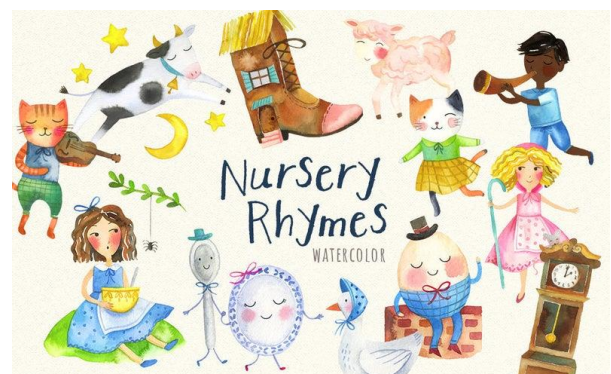
Listening to/making sounds



- Sit outside in the garden, park, beach etc. What can they hear? Can they distinguish between the sounds they may hear in different places?
- Play 'adjust the volume' – Can you make different sounds with your voice. E.g. eeeeeeeooooooooo, oooooooooaaaaaa. Adjust each other's voice to loud and quiet or squeaky and deep voice etc.
- Try making different sounds with your voice and body. Voice sounds: whee, boing, oh, ssss, shshsh, mmmoooo, chchchchch, zzzzzz, tick tock. Body: clap hands, stamp feet, click fingers.

Rhymes/Songs

- Learn and sing familiar songs and rhymes. If you don't know any look on youtube. E.g. Twinkle twinkle, Incy Wincy Spide, Old McDonald etc.
- Fill in the blanks – sing a familiar song or rhyme. Can your child fill in the missing blanks when you stop?
- Spot the intro – use youtube to play some of your child's favourite songs, rhymes, tv tunes. Can they guess what it is?



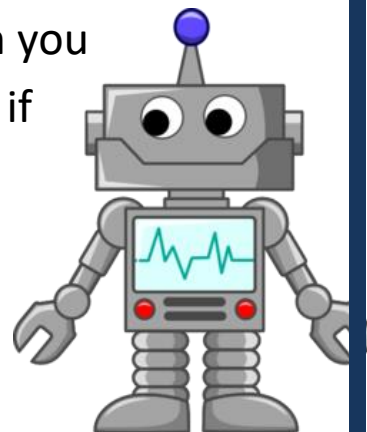
Orally segmenting and blending

- **Segment:** is when you split a word up into its sounds (phonemes), you are 'sounding it out.'
- **Blend:** is when you say the sounds (phonemes) together to make a word, you are 'putting the sounds together.'



E.g. c-a-t (segment) cat (blend)

- Play I spy - "I spy with my little eye something beginning with b." Don't say the letter name, say the sound the letter makes.
- Robot voice – gather some items together. Can you pretend to be a robot and 'sound the out'. E.g. if you had a peg sound out p-e-g. Child has to choose the right item.
- Let your child have a go at being the robot and sounding out items for you to guess.



Story time



- Read a familiar story book and change the voice for different characters.
- Go to the library and let your child choose new stories to share together.
- Make up your own stories. Let your imagination take over and make up a story with wizards, superheroes, dragons the list is endless!