

# Oral Blending Games



As well as learning sounds, an important phonics skills is being able to **orally blend** the sounds in words. This supports future reading development.

Here are some oral blending activities you could try at home...

## Simon Says...

You could always change this to your own name! Use instruction for your child to follow such as:

- Simon says touch your h-ea-d
- Simon says show me your l-i-p
- Simon says s-i-t
- Simon says tap your kn-ee
- Simon says be a c-a-t
- Other words include h-i-p, f-oo-t, ar-m, h-o-p, j-u-m-p, d-o-g, sh-ee-p.

## I Spy...

- Collect some things from around the home, such as a pen, cup, ted, phone, fork, lid. Play I spy, but say the sounds for your child to hear the word. Eg, I spy, with my little eye, something with the sounds p-e-n.





## **What's Missing?**

Collect some things from around the home, such as a pen, cup, ted, phone, fork, lid, coin. Sound talk all the objects eg c-oi-n, d-u-ck. Place a towel over the objects, ask your child to close their eyes or turn away. Pick up an object under the towel and reveal the remaining objects. Can they guess which object is missing? Sound talk the word. This game is great for boosting your child's memory. You may wish to start with 4 objects and increase them as your child becomes more confident with the game.

## **Four Corners...**

We call it four corners, but you can extend this as you wish. Collect your objects as above and place them round the room (even better if you have space in the garden). Give your child an instruction such as touch the l-i-d, jump to the p-e-n etc...

## **Jump...**

Draw an object on separate pieces of paper (of chalk outdoors). Say a word in sound talk for your child to jump on it, or to find. Objects you could draw, include pan, net, cat, dog, log, jug, web, mop.

