

First Sound/Last Sound Activity

Identifying the first and last sound of spoken words and pictures is an important skill for early literacy. During Kindergarten, this skill is taught and practiced throughout the year. The activity that will be shown can help you practice identifying the first and last sounds of words with your child.

Materials: Picture cards; letter cards (consonants)

Directions:

Part I.

- Use 6-10 picture cards that represent one syllable words (sun, bat, game, etc)
- Show the picture and say the name of the picture for your child.
- Have your child repeat the name of the picture.
- For the first picture, model the activity:
 - “This is sun. The first sound in sun is /s/. What is the first sound in sun?”
 - “This is sun. The last sound in sun is /n/. What is the last sound in sun?”

If your child does not answer correctly, model it again.

- For the next pictures, the directions will be:
 - “This is mop. What is the first sound in mop?”
 - “This is mop. What is the last sound in mop?”

Part II.

- Place all the letters on the table. Your child will select a letter to match the first and last sounds of the picture.
- Directions will be:
 - “This is sun. What is the first sound in sun? Now find the letter that matches the first sound of sun.”
 - “This is sun. What is the last sound in sun? Now find the letter that matches the last sound of sun.”
 - Your child should select each letter and put the letter next to the picture.

Use the link below to watch the game in action:

<https://vimeo.com/162522971>

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