

Supporting phonological awareness during everyday play and conversations



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Recite poems and nursery rhymes, emphasising the rhythm and highlighting rhyming words

RECITE



Sing songs like Willoughby Wallaby Woo that encourage rhyme and initial sound awareness

SING



Share stories that include rhythm, rhyme, and alliteration

SHARE



Clap out syllable beats in children's names

CLAP



Go on a treasure hunt for things that start with the same sound

EXPLORE



Make up silly sentences or songs using words that start with the same sound: Mali made a magical mountain!

COMPOSE



Play 'I went shopping and I bought...' with items that start with the same sound: 'a cake, a kite, a kitten...'

LIST



Play 'I spy with my little eye' and take turns to find objects or images starting with same sound

PLAY



Talk about sound effects and noises during songs, stories, and play: what noise would a snake make?

TALK



Follow children's lead in making noises during play, trying out different sounds, pitch, volume, and rhythm

SOUND

Pickled
Peter
Peppers
Picked
Piper