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Did You Know?

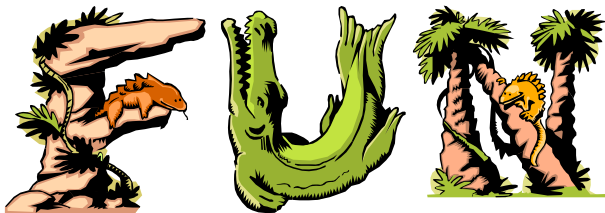
To be able to use phonics successfully in reading a child must:

- Be able to **hear** the sounds in our language
- Know the alphabet well
- Know the sounds the alphabet letters make
- Be able to blend the sounds together
- See patterns in words
- Know the word he reads makes sense

Children who use phonics are more successful readers. Phonics also helps them spell words when they are writing.

Alphabet Fun

- Find out what letter your child needs to work on.
- Work with one letter at a time.
- Make sure child knows that letter before starting with another.
- Let your child "write" the letters; help only if he needs it.
- Have child say the name of the letter as he writes it.
- Say the sound it makes.



Alphabet Fun

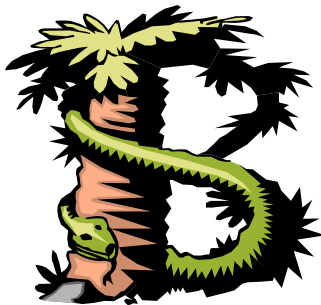
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- Use hands to "write" large letters in the **air**.
- Use a **flashlight** in a dark room to "write" letters on the wall
- Use **fingers, hands** or **body** to form letters
- Use **actions**: crawl, jump or hop out letter shapes
- Take turns "writing" letters with fingers on each other's **backs**
- Use **shaving cream** on a cookie sheet to write letters
- Use **play-dough, clay** or **pipe-cleaners** to form letters
- Make a **rainbow letter**: trace over a letter with a crayon; repeat four times with different colors



I Spy With My Little Eye

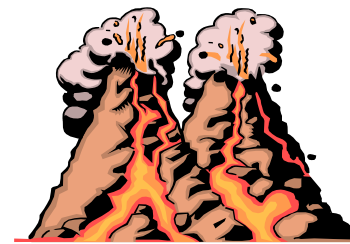
- Think of an object in the room. (ex: a book)
- Say, "I spy with my little eye something beginning with **b** /b/."
(Say the letter name and the sound.)
- Have child guess.
- Take turns.



Alphabet Suitcase

- Ask child to name a place. Ex: Miami
- Say "We're going to Miami and we're going to pack a suitcase."
- We can only take things beginning with the same letter as Miami - **m**.
- Say the letter and its sound.
- Ask child what he can pack that begins with **m** /m/.
- (Objects can be silly. Have fun!)

Ex: maps, money, monkeys, melons...



Some Words for:
Words Have Families,

bat cat fat hat mat pat
rat

can fan pan ran van

bit fit hit sit

hop mop top

Words Have Families!

Use: *It Begins with an A*

These words belong to word families:

On page with **C**: get set On page with **W**:
wet

- Ask child if he can think of any more words that belong to the **-et** family.
- Think of rhymes! Ex: bet jet let met net pet set vet yet
- Write them next to *wet*.

More word families from the book:

Page A: **then** E: **hen**

Page P: **bed** U: **red**

Page S: **thin** **chin**

Page U: **string** **thing**

Page L: **stick** **lick**

Page M: **bright** **night** W: **right**

Environmental Print

Things to do with Pre-K and Kindergarten children.

Product labels Road Signs Commercials
 Billboards Coupons
 Advertisements
 Store signs Business names

- Make a collage of labels and advertisements for child to read
- In supermarket, read product labels
- Read door signs: Men; Women; Exit; Pull; Push
- In car, read road signs, billboards, store names
- Read informational signs: **Danger; Stop; Wet Paint**

Spelling Rap

Choose sight words or spelling words your child must learn.

Let's read: **the, does, and said**

Child repeats the three words.

Now let's rap!

I'll say **the**, and you say **the**. (Child echoes **the**.)

I'll spell **the**: **T-H-E**.

Now you spell **the**. (Child echoes **T-H-E**.)

I'll say **does**, and you say **does**. (Child echoes **does**.)


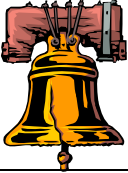










I'll spell **does**: **D-O-E-S**.







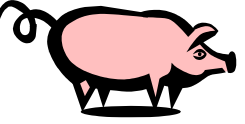
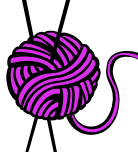
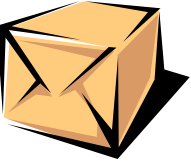
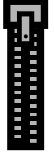

Now you spell **does**. (Child echoes **D-O-E-S**.)

I'll say **said**, and you say **said**. (Child echoes **said**.)

I'll spell **said**: **S-A-I-D**.

Now you spell **said**. (Child echoes **S-A-I-D**.)

Beginning Consonants	j  jug
b  bell	k  key
c  cat	l  lamp
d  dog	m  mouse
f  fish	n  nest
g  ghost	p  pig
h  hand	r  ring

s  sun	Short Vowels
t  tent	a  cat
v  van	e  bed
w  watch	i  pig
y  yarn	o  box
z  zip	u  cup