

Notes for Parents

The Pairs Game

This game is very useful for developing memory and reasoning, as well as learning the letter sounds.

When each set of letter sounds has been taught, your child will bring home a sheet with two of each of the letters on it. Please stick the sheet onto a piece of card and cut up into the individual letter sounds.

To play, the individual letters are turned face down. The first player to start turns over a card and says the sound. Then they turn over another card and again say the sound. If the sounds are the same they keep the cards and have another go. If not, the cards are turned face down again, and it is another player's go. The person to get most pairs is the winner.

Other activities

1. Reading Words. The letters can be arranged to make simple regular words. The children blend the sounds and read the word.
2. Building Words. This time the children are told a simple regular word, e.g. pig, pot, etc. They have to listen for the sounds, pick up the letters that make that sound and lay them in the correct order. Then they check if it is correct by blending the sounds and getting back to the original word. In the beginning help is needed, but gradually they can do it by themselves.

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