

## Speech and Language Therapy Activities

### Speech Sounds

#### Sound sorting activities



#### Aim of these activities

This programme is used to support children with speech sound difficulties. It is designed to help them change the way the words are stored in their heads. This then enables them to start to change the way they produce words. The focus is therefore primarily on listening.

#### Active listening:

1. Cut and mix up pictures beginning with the sound your child finds difficult and the sound they produce instead, for example "t" and "k".
2. Find two pictures that represent the initial sounds, for example Jolly Phonics pictures
3. Place the two target sound pictures in front of the child
4. Pick up on the pictures you have cut out, place the picture by each sound and as you do so, say it with that initial letter. They must then put the picture on the correct sound for the word.



5. **For example:** Picture of 'toe':



YOU SAY: "Is it 'toe' (said as you put it by the 't' picture) or 'koe'" (said as you put it by 'k' picture)

6. Continue with this until all pictures have been sorted correctly

Once they are able to sort these pictures with 90 - 100% accuracy, you can then try and say the words using the initial sound they have been sorted under. If they find this too difficult, more work is required with listening.

## More activities to try

### Picture sorting

- Cut up pictures of words beginning with the sound your child finds difficult and the sound they produce instead, for example "t" and "k".
- Mix them all up
- Have a pot for one sound and a pot for the other sound
- You could take it in turns to sort the pictures
- Initially say the word for your child so they hear it correctly
- Encourage them to place it in a pot
- To make the activity harder stop naming the pictures for them and encourage them to sort the pictures silently.

