

## Speech and Language Therapy Activities

### Speech Sounds

#### Using your target sound in words

##### Aim of these activities:

These activities are designed for children who can produce a sound on its own but not in words. These activities will help your child produce the sound in words.



##### How can you help?

The following tips can help to develop your child's speech sound skills in words:

- Carry out these activities with your child on a regular basis
- Model words for your child throughout the day so they hear a clear example
- Find out from your Speech and Language Therapist what your child's target sound is

##### Activities

- Look for pictures that begin with the target sound. You could use magazines, catalogues, pictures on the computer and in books.
- At first your child may find it difficult to produce the target sound in words and may need prompts and encouragement. Gradually your child should be able to say the words more easily and without so many prompts.
- Use the picture cards in a variety of different games and take it in turns to name the pictures

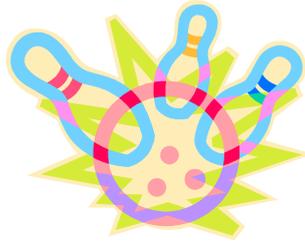
For example:

- Lotto game
- Pairs
- Fishing - attach paper clips to the pictures and take it in turns to pick up the pictures with a magnet





- Hide and Seek - hide some pictures or objects that begin with the target sound around the room, see how many your child can find
- Feely bag - find some objects that start with the target sounds and put them in a bag, take it in turns to feel for an object, name it and take it out and check!
- Skittles - attach the pictures to skittles, take turns to knock over the skittles and name the pictures you hit



- Board games - each time your child has a turn they can turn over a card
  - Computer games - every time your child 'wins' something they get to collect a picture card
- Look at books together and practise saying words that begin with the target sound.

#### Remember:

- Your child may be able to produce a sound on its own but not use it in words yet. Help them use the sound in single words.
- Learning to say a target sound in words can take weeks rather than days so it is important to keep practising
- Practise little and often, and have fun!

These activities have been adapted from the book 'Language Builders: advice and activities to encourage children's communication skills' by Henrietta McLachlan and Liz Elks