

## Phonics Game to Try at Home

### Suggestions for non-computer-based activities:

- Get children to make their own flashcards for daily practise. Speak to your child's teacher to find out the phonics phase they are currently working on, then [CLICK HERE](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/) <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> to watch videos or download documents of these sounds.
- Children could cut out any graphemes they find in magazines or newspapers and use them to spell words.
- Play a splat game. Choose graphemes/words (about 5 or 6) to write on a piece of paper and then call out one of the words. The first one to 'splat' the correct word or grapheme wins a point.
- Match the picture. Select pictures from magazine or online and write the corresponding words. Ask your child to read the word and match it to the right picture. If they find this tricky, you can say the sound out loud and ask your child to blend them together.
- 'What's in the box'/'I spy' – take it in turns to think of an object or have one ready hidden in a box, and orally sound out the name of the object to see if the other person can blend and guess the word i.e. I have a 's-o-ck'.
- Write down some words and ask your child to read them. Then, cut up the words into sounds and ask your child to put them back together. Ensure you keep digraphs/trigraphs together, e.g. the or in b-or-n would be on one card.
- Become digraph detectives when reading a book. Ask your child to find a particular sound on a page (or they could challenge you to find one!)
- Play a bingo game. Ask your child to choose some sounds for their bingo card, then use some flashcards or sounds that come up as you read a book to cross off their card.
- Play a sentence substitution game. Either think of a sentence or choose one from a book and ask your child if they can change one word to make a different sentence. For example, 'The girl ate a yummy apple' might become 'The girl ate a delicious apple'. Don't be afraid to make the sentences silly – this can be much more exciting to the children!

- Make a grapheme hunt at home. Write different graphemes on paper/post it notes and stick them around your house/garden. Call out a sound for your children to find, or they could call out a sound for you to find. An extension to this could be thinking of a word with the sound in before moving on to another one.

### **Suggestions for computer-based activities:**

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

- This has some free games accessible without a subscription.

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

- This has some free games accessible without a subscription.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>

- This has lots of free English games to access. Some of our favourite for phonics are: phonics pop, forest phonics and spooky sounds.