

Activity 3 – Listening and exploring sounds

Play 'I Spy'

What to do

- Play the traditional game 'I Spy'. Pick something that you can see and give a clue with the phrases, '*I spy with my little eye something beginning with...*'. For example, if you are looking at your cat, you would end the phrase by saying the c sound.
- Your child guesses the mystery object, saying words which begin with the sound. Keep praising any words which begin with the right sound and give clues if the guesser gets tired.
- Swap roles and play again.

Key Tip: Use the *sound* not the letter name with the game. Try to use 'pure sounds' which your child will have learnt at school. (The hardest are f, l, m, n, r, v, w, x - if you are not used to this). See website below for help.

Extension

Move the game around: in different rooms, by the window, on your walks.
Use a page from a book for a new setting or use imagination, e.g. *What would you see under the sea, in a witch's cottage, etc.*

What you need

Nothing for the base game
To extend: a book with detailed illustrations



Questions to ask

Can you guess what I have seen?
What things can you think of which begin with that sound?
Does *ball* really begin with *m*?
Can you have a go? What can you see? What sound does it begin with? Try whispering it if you need to.

Cbeebies *Alphablocks* take us through saying each sound in the alphabet:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/alphablocks-watch>