

Phonics Games

You can have lots of fun playing phonic games with your child. Below are some games you could play at home:

- Bingo - reading and spelling words on a bingo board. Your child could read or spell different words and win bingo if they can read or spell words correctly.
- Word hunt - finding words and keywords hidden around your home.
- Matching pairs - finding and reading matching words. Word cards could be hidden for your child to find.
- Silly voices - say sounds in a high, low, happy or grumpy voice.
- 'Skip to it!' - run, jump, hop or skip to a certain word.
- 'Fishing for phonics' - 'fish' for words written on ping pong balls. The balls could be in the bath or hidden in the house. Your child could use a net to try and catch the balls.
- Sing an alphabet song - have lots of fun learning an alphabet song. Then point to a letter and ask your child to tell you its letter name and sound.
- 7 Phonics Activities for Parents to Do at Home
- Let's dive into these fun activities!

Phonics Scavenger Hunts

- When kids are learning a phonics skill (i.e. the sound for the letter m, or the digraph ch), it's important for them to see examples of the skill being used in real words and books. Scavenger hunts are a fun way to accomplish this!
- If your child is learning the alphabet, for example, choose a letter and have them look in books, magazines - or on any type of print you might have in your home. You can also do this in the car; they can search for the letter on billboards and signs!
- If your child is reading and working on more complex patterns like the vowel team "ea," you can do the scavenger hunt as described above, but your child will look for whole words with that pattern. You can also have them look for words with the phonics pattern in the books that they're reading and/or the books you read aloud to them.
- To increase the fun, try giving them a goal number of letters or words to find - make it a little challenging, but still attainable! They can use a piece of paper to draw a checkmark every time they find an example, or even write the word that contains the example.

Modified Phonics Board Games

- If you have any board games at home, change the directions slightly! Every time a player takes a turn, they move their piece (and follow any directions on the game) AND they have to pull a card from a stack.
- The stack of cards would be created by you, and the cards would contain alphabet letters (they can say the letter name and/or sound) OR words that match the skill you want to work on (they would read the word out loud).

Fun Phonics Writing

- Practicing writing letters and words is an important part of phonics! You can make it fun by having students paint, write in shaving cream spread thinly on a table, trace in sand - or use any other type of material that sounds fun. After they've written a letter or word, have them tell you the letter sound or read the word to you.

"What's the Sound?" Phonics Activity

- For this activity, grab a few of your child's toys and some other small objects around the house. Place them on the table. Have your child select one object at a time and tell you the first sound (and perhaps letter) in the word.
- If this is easy for your child (it may be easy for first grade and up), have them tell you the last sound or the vowel sound(s) instead!

At-Home Phonics Treasure Hunt

- For this game, you'll need some index cards with alphabet letters or words written on them. Hide the index cards around your home. Tell your child how many cards they have to find. When your child finds a card, they have to say the letter sound OR read the word aloud.

Word Building with Magnetic Letters

- Do you have a magnetic refrigerator, cabinet, or cookie sheet in your home? If so, have your child use magnetic letters to practice building words! Just like with the other activities, you'll want to choose words that have a phonics pattern the child is learning.
- Another activity you can have them do with magnetic letters: make separate groups of consonants and vowels.