

Sound bingo to help your child recognise and understand initial sounds, this can be played with 2 or more players so why not get everyone involved.

- Pick the sounds/letters you would like to practise with your child adding a few non matches to confirm those letters. You may have alphabet cards or magnetic letters at home. Lower case letters are preferred as these are what your children will learn first.
- Ask your child to help you get together a selection of objects (Toys, Food, Household objects etc.) that start with the sounds/letters you have picked.
- Place 6 objects onto the bingo mat into the marked-out squares.
- Place your chosen sounds /letter cards into a bag container now you are ready to play.
- Pull a sound card out and ask your child if they have an object that matches the sound shown (you may need to prompt by making the letters sound. **Remember it is the sound not the letter name**).
- If your child has an object that matches it can be put to one side or back in the basket.
- Once all the objects have been removed from the board you call BINGO.

## Parental Guidance:

You may want to spend some time making some letter cards with your child. You can paint or draw the letters and then find pictures from magazines or draw your own to stick on your card to represent the sounds. There are some letter sound mats and bingo boards available for you to use.



How to get your child thinking?

- Have more than one object with the same sound ask if they can find them all.
- Ask if they can name other objects with the same sound.
- Ask if they can name objects with the same sound as their name or name members of the family with the same sound.