

Phonemic Awareness Activity: First Sounds

Which Picture Has the First Sound ____?

Objective: To help your child listen for the first sounds in words.

Materials Needed: picture choices, including pictures that begin with the target phoneme

Instructions: Say, *“We’re going to play a game with our new sound, /g/. I’ll show you three pictures. You’ll find the picture that has the first sound /g/.”*

Lay out three pictures on the table, one that begins with /g/. *“I’ll show you how to play the game. This is nail, game, box. I’ll find the picture that has the first sound /g/: game. Game has the first sound /g/. /g/, game.”*

Lay out three new pictures on the table, one that begins with /g/. Name each picture for your child and have him or her repeat them. Then ask, *“Which picture has the first sound /g/?”* Confirm by saying, *“Yes, gum has the first sound /g/. /g/, gum.”*

Continue playing the game as time permits.

If your child makes an error, model the correct answer, emphasizing the first phoneme. Have your child repeat the correct answer. Go back to the example a second time.

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