

Beginning with sounds

How to play

Tell this story to your child. Stress the “m” sound and ask your child to say “mmmmm” when they hear a “m” sound. Practice at the beginning – just say “mmm” and wait for the “mmm” back.

If your child needs an extra clue, rub your tummy when you say “m” sounds. This will help your child focus on the sound they should be listening for.



“Munching Monsters

There were four Munching Monsters. Their names were Mike, Milly, Mary and Martin. Between them, they had many munching friends.

All the monsters loved munching. They munched on a Monday and every morning and for every mealtime. Their favourite foods to munch are marzipan, margarine were mashed potato.

All mixed up together – yuk!”



Learning about sounds in words is an activity that begins the journey towards reading and writing. This game will also help your child to become a better talker.



TIP: You can play this game with any sound. Longer sounds like “s”, “f” and “m” are best because you can make them more obvious when you are talking.



OTHER IDEAS:

- Tell a story about a “sizzling sausage” or a “funny farmer” while you are travelling or waiting somewhere.
- Stick pictures of things that begin with the same sound on a page. Write a word beginning with the same letter underneath e.g. “a cute carrot” or “a wet wellie”.