

Identifying Final Phonemes Activities

End Sounds Say each word to the child—jam, foot, hill, map, fox, bed-- Ask your child to tell you the sound each word ends with. Choose five words from a book you are reading. Say each word. Have the child say the sound he/she hears at the end of each word.

Where's That Sound? Place three sticky notes on a piece of paper in a straight line. The first one stands for the beginning sound in a word, the second for the middle sound in a given word, and the last one for the final sound in a word. The child is then asked to identify where a sound appears in a word by pointing to the beginning or end sticky note. This activity is a good review for beginning sounds, as well as practicing ending sounds. Do not ask for a middle sound in any of the words.

Ending to Beginning Begin by providing a word, for example dot. Have the child isolate the ending sound of the word dot /t/ and think of a word that begins with that sound (for example, tap). Then you isolate the last sound in tap /p/ and think of a new word that begins with /p/ (for example, park). Continue the pattern.

Tick Tock Sound Go to the website below and print page 16. Four tic-tac-toe picture game boards are provided on that page. Cut the boards apart. The game is played just like tic-tac-toe; however, before anyone can place an X or an O on a space, he or she needs to identify the final sound of the picture word correctly. The winner must get three in a row.

I'm Going on a Trip Select a sound, for example /t/. Choose a word ending with that sound and say, "I'm going on a trip and I'm packing a hat." The next person must repeat the first item and add another item with the /t/ ending sound. For example, "I'm going on a trip and I'm packing a hat and a suit." Keep going until no one is able to come up with anymore /t/ ending sound words to pack. Then you can change the end sound.

Interactive Websites

http://www.kidport.com/GradeK/LanguagesArts/Workbook/LangK_MissingLetter.htm

http://www.softschools.com/language_arts/phonics/games/ending_sounds.jsp

<http://www.professorgarfield.org/phonics/fishing/fishing.html>

Books for Teaching Final Phonemes

Barnyard Song By R. Gowler

Green Eggs and Ham By Dr. Seuss

Monkey Do By A. Ahlberg

How Rocket Learned to Read By Tad Hills