

## Identifying Initial Phonemes Activities

When driving in a car point to objects and have the child tell you what sound the item begins with. For example, tree - /t/, bus - /b/, house - /h/. If he/she can also name which letter matches the sound that would be wonderful. This activity can also be done in the house, at the park, while watching a sibling's baseball game, etc.

Initial Sound Change Play a game where the child makes new/different words by changing the beginning sounds. Look around the room for words or use your own, (for example, if you are changing all words to begin with /k/, chair would be care, table would become cable) .

Sticky Notes Give the child a sticky note with a letter on it. Discuss the sound the letter makes. Have the child stick it to something that begins with that sound.

Can you say the first sound To the tune of *Mary Wore Her Red Dress*:

Mary wore her red dress, red dress, red dress. Mary wore her red dress, all day long. Use the tune to this song to encourage the child to think about beginning sounds in words. After you sing the new lyrics below, pause at the end to say a word the child knows, and have him/her identify the beginning sound heard. You may wish to begin with words such as red, day, Mary, or choose words of your own.

Can you say the first sound, first sound, first sound. Can you say the first sound in this word: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Interactive Websites

[http://www.kidport.com/GradeK/LanguagesArts/Workbook/LangK\\_LetterPictures.htm](http://www.kidport.com/GradeK/LanguagesArts/Workbook/LangK_LetterPictures.htm)

[http://www.ictgames.com/phonic\\_fighter4.html](http://www.ictgames.com/phonic_fighter4.html)

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/>

Books for Teaching Initial Phonemes

*Aster Aardvark's Alphabet Adventures* By S. Kellogg

*The Hungry Thing* By J. Slepian

*Eating the Alphabet from A to Z* By L. Ehler

*TongueTwisters to Teach Phonemic Awareness and Phonics: Beginning*

*Consonants and Vowels* By Joyce Kohfeldt

*A Cat Called Kite* By Mem Fox

*Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* By Kevin Henkes

*Watch William Walk* By Ann Jonas

Free Printable Worksheets for Initial Sound Practice

<http://www.kidzone.ws/kindergarten/learning-letters/>

<http://www.kidslearningstation.com/phonics/>

<http://www.abcteach.com/directory/subjects-language-arts-reading-phonics-worksheets-beginning-sounds-821-2-1>

<http://www.k5learning.com/free-preschool-kindergarten-worksheets/beginning-sounds>