



EarlyBird Education

Phonemic/Phonological Awareness

First Sound Matching – Single Onset

Hello EarlyBird Families!

Learning to separate the first sound from a word can be a challenging new task. Help your child practice this new skill with these picture cards. Any cards you have can be used!

1. Have your child look at the picture.
2. Say the word and then have your child repeat the word.
3. See if your child can separate the first sound from the rest of the word. For example, in FISH the first sound is /f/.
4. If your child is correct, ask your child the name of the letter that makes that sound. For example, the letter F makes the sound /f/.
5. Then, see if your child can find another picture that begins with that same sound.
6. You can even group three or four pictures together and have your child pick out the two that have matching first sounds.
7. Remember, you can do this activity with other pictures, or even objects around the house.

First Sound Matching – Onset-Rime



