

Can Name the Beginning Sound in a Simple Word

Strategy to teach skill: Clearly announce the beginning sound of a word to the point of bouncing the beginning sound of the word and ask your child to repeat the first sound that he or she hears when you say the word.

For example:

**b b ball**  
**c c cat**  
**h h hog**  
**w w wet**  
**s s sing**  
**l l laugh**  
**f f find**  
**g g get**  
**m m make**  
**j j jump**

**Practice bouncing sounds with the Phonics Song:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saF3-fOXWAY>

Next, practice words without bouncing the beginning sound. But be careful to clearly announce the word when you say it to your child. This skill may take some time to learn.

Once, the child gets the hang of identifying the beginning sound with the first sound bounced, try over-annunciating the beginning sound of a word. Next, practice having the child identify the sound with the word said normally.

**C**at  
**D**og  
**H**at  
**S**oap  
**G**rass  
**A**pple  
**B**ug, etc.

Practice this skill 1 to 2 minutes per day until you child has mastered the skill. Mastery is demonstrated when the child repeatedly, over several days, makes no errors.