

## IDEAS FOR HEARING SOUNDS AND SAYING SOUNDS

WHY?	WOW WORDS!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To hear sounds in words</li><li>• To correctly pronounce sounds</li><li>• To develop pre-reading and writing skills</li></ul>	Sound / letter names / listen / hear / say / pronounce / syllable
<b>WHAT?</b>	
<p><u>Resource ideas:</u> - Objects of interest, drum and beater, catalogues/magazines</p> <p><u>Ideas for play:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beat out the syllables of names or words on the drum</li><li>• I spy games... "I spy with my little eye something that starts with the sound 'a'" - Say the sound rather than the letter name</li><li>• Name games - Listening for and splitting familiar names into the different sounds (Say the sounds heard rather than the letter names). You could play this with words your child chooses (eg. favourite toys)</li><li>• Object hunt around the home - "What things can you find that start with the sound 'm'?"</li><li>• Matching sounds - "Your name is Sam ... What is the first sound in S-a-m? What other things start with a 's'?"</li><li>• Using catalogues or magazines, children cut out pictures of objects that interest them - "What sound does this object start with?" Children could develop this further by matching the objects that share the same starting sound.</li></ul> <p>Ideas for hearing and saying sounds are endless because we are always speaking. So wherever you are, whatever you are doing maximise the opportunities to stop and listen to the sounds in words. Remember this skill is critical in learning to read and write!</p>	