



Sound Toss

S-S-S Sounds

Beginner: Write out letters using paper or chalk. Make a letter sound and have your child toss a soft object (ping pong ball, crumpled paper, sponge, pillow) at the matching letter.

[Tip]: Use the letters in your child's name.

Intermediate: Write out letters using paper or chalk. Have your child toss a soft object at each sound you call out.

[Tip]: Use any letter in the alphabet. Talk about how some letters can make different sounds (eg. C sounds like /k/ in “cat” and like /s/ in “circle”).

Experienced: Write out short letter combinations using paper or chalk. Have your child toss a soft object at the letter combination that matches the sound you call out.

[Tip]: Use letter combinations like: th, sh, ph, and ch.

Why is this important? Learning the sounds that individual letters make helps children develop their reading skills.

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