

Frog Hop Sounds - Beginning Sounds

Goal: Practice hearing and identifying the FIRST SOUND in a spoken word.

Players: 1-4 | You need: 1 small counter, coin, button, or paper 'frog' per player.

How to play: 1) Put the counters beside the board. 2) One person is the Caller. The Caller chooses a beginning sound, such as /m/, and says: 'Hop to a word that starts with /m/.' 3) The player looks at the word boxes, says the words aloud if needed, and places the frog/counter on a word beginning with that sound - for example, moon or map. 4) The player says the word slowly and repeats its first sound: 'mmm-moon, /m/.' 5) If correct, the frog stays there and the player earns 1 point. If not, return the frog and try another box. 6) Take turns with a new sound each round. First to 5 points wins, or play until every box has been visited.

Easy version: The Caller says a word from the board and asks, 'What sound does it start with?' Challenge version: The Caller gives only the sound, and the player must find TWO words beginning with it. Note: this text-only board uses written words rather than pictures, so an adult can read unfamiliar words aloud for pre-readers.

moon	sun	fish	cat
dog	pig	map	fan
log	hen	rug	web
jet	top	van	zip
bat	cup	red	sit

Magic Word Match - Synonyms A

Cut out all cards from both pages. Place face down. Turn over two cards. Keep a matching synonym pair.

tiny	quick	glad
begin	silent	large
smart	close	gift
jump	look	road

Magic Word Match - Synonyms B

Cut out all cards from both pages. Place face down. Turn over two cards. Keep a matching synonym pair.

small	fast	happy
start	quiet	big
clever	shut	present
leap	see	street

Alien Word Lab - Real or Nonsense?

Read each word using decoding skills. Write R for a real word and N for a nonsense word. Bonus: invent a meaning for one nonsense word.

mip	R / N	cat	R / N
zog	R / N	sun	R / N
lat	R / N	fish	R / N
bem	R / N	hop	R / N
vab	R / N	red	R / N
nup	R / N	pig	R / N
dax	R / N	map	R / N
fep	R / N	run	R / N
wug	R / N	sit	R / N
kib	R / N	fox	R / N

Sentence Quest - Build a Silly Sentence

Cut the cards by row. Draw one WHO, one DID WHAT, and one WHERE card. Arrange them into a sentence, read it, then write it with a capital and punctuation.

WHO	DID WHAT	WHERE
The dog	danced	at school
My teacher	found a hat	on the moon
A tiny dragon	ate lunch	under a tree
The robot	sang loudly	in the kitchen
Three frogs	jumped	by the pond
My friend	read a book	on a bus

Reading Mini Escape - The Missing Library Key

Complete the 3 puzzles. Each answer gives one digit. Put the digits together to unlock the library box.

Puzzle 1 - Count the short-a words

cat moon jam fish map red hat sun

Puzzle 2 - Count the words beginning with sh

ship chin shell thin shop when fish shut

Puzzle 3 - Count the complete sentences

The dog ran.

blue little car

We can read.

under the table

Sam has a hat.

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