



Initial Sound Sort

Select some objects which have the first sounds either s,a,t or p. You could have a slipper, sock, tin, arrow, pear, pig and a tiger.

Cover the items over with a towel. Take turns with your child and one at a time, put your hand under the cloth and pull one object out. Get the child to say the object's name e.g. tin. You can repeat it for them.

Can your child hear the first sound in the object?

Sort the objects one by one into piles depending on the first sound.

Make it easier - Begin with two different sounds e.g. objects between with "s" and "t" and then increase the sounds when children are good at it.

Make it harder – When children are confident with this, get the children to begin listening to the end sound in words and use sounds like "n" and "t". You could have objects like pan, net, tin, spoon, pot, mat and sort these into their ending sounds.

Ideas for objects you could use:

First sound "s"	First sound "a"	First sound "t"	First sound "p"
Sandwich Snake Sock Slipper	Arrow Ant Ambulance Apple	Tiger Tin Tomato Toothbrush	Pig Pear Peg Pen
Last sound "t"	Last sound "n"	Last sound "p"	Last sound "g"
Net Pot Mat Hat	Pan Tin Spoon Pen	Cup Mop Map Lamp	Dog Rug Bag King