



# LISTENING WORD GAMES

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"Listening Word Games" are ways for students to practice hearing and manipulating sounds in words, a strong predictor of reading and spelling abilities.

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## GRADE LEVEL:



<https://microlearning.ccee-ca.org>

## KEY STEPS

### 1

#### I SPY

- Teacher says, "I spy something that begins with the sound /m/," and students offer a suggestion to fit
- Repeat the words so students really hear the first sound
- Options: ending sounds, rhyming ("rhymes with mencil"), compound words (backpack), two-syllable words

### 2

#### GUESS MY OBJECT

- Teacher says, "I'm thinking of an animal that rhymes with the word "miger" that begins /t/," and students offer a suggestion to fit
- Continue with other words "I'm thinking of a food that rhymes with poodles but begins /n/"

### 3

#### RHYMING CATEGORIES

- Pick a category (numbers, body parts, etc)
- Play with the students saying, "This is the number zun"
- Students respond, "No, it's not zun, it's one."
- **Make sure students repeat both the rhyming words: the nonsense one, and the real one**