

Tips to Help Your Child Get Ready for KINDERGARTEN

Help your child to notice, think about and work with sounds in spoken language:

- Teach your child to recognize the individual sounds in a word.
 - *Example: What is the first sound in van?*
- Teach your child to recognize the same sounds in different words.
 - *Example: What is the same in fix, fall and fun?*
- Teach your child to recognize the word in a set of three or four words that has the "odd" sound.
 - *Example: Which word doesn't belong: bus, bun, rug?*
- Teach your child to listen to a sequence of separate spoken sounds and then combine the sounds to form a word.
 - *Example: What word is /b/ /i/ /g/?*
- Teach your child to break a word into separate sounds, saying each sound as he/she counts the sounds.
 - *Example: How many sounds are in grab?*
/g/ /r/ /a/ /b/- four sounds
- Teach your child about rhyming words.
 - *Example: What word rhymes with hat and cat?*
 - *Example: What word doesn't rhyme with rug, bug or cat?*