

What's the First Sound? Song

Sing to the Tune of "Old McDonald Had a Farm"

Remember, when a letter is shown like this, /t/, say the sound the letter makes. Sing the verses below and then make up your own.

What's the sound that starts these words:

table, toe, and ten? (Child responds, /t/).

With a /t/, /t/, here and a /t/, /t/ there.

Here a /t/, there a /t/, everywhere a /t/, /t/.

/t/ is the sound that starts these words:

table, toe, and ten.

What's the sound that starts these words:

sunshine, snow, and sit? (Child responds, /s/).

With a /s/, /s/, here and a /s/, /s/ there.

Here a /s/, there a /s/, everywhere a /s/, /s/.

/s/ is the sound that starts these words:

sunshine, snow, and sit.

What's the sound that starts these words:

apple, ant, and ask? (Child responds, /ă/).

With a /ă/, /ă/, here and a /ă/, /ă/ there.

Here a /ă/, there a /ă/, everywhere a /ă/, /ă/.

/ă/ is the sound that starts these words:

apple, ant, and ask.

What's the sound that starts these words:

insect, itch, and if? (Child responds, /i/).

With a /i/, /i/, here and a /i/, /i/ there.

Here a /i/, there a /i/, everywhere a /i/, /i/.

/i/ is the sound that starts these words:

insect, itch, and if.

Add a Sound to Make a New Word

You: Say **ox**.

Child: **Ox**.

You: Add /f/ to **ox**. What word does it make?

Child: **Fox**.

You: Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!

You: Say **ice**.

Child: **Ice**.

You: Add /m/ to **ice**. What word does it make?

Child: **Mice**.

You: Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!

You: Say **am**.

Child: **Am**.

You: Add /h/ to **am**. What word does it make?

Child: **Ham**.

You: Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!

You: Say **at**.

Child: **At**.

You: Add /s/ to **at**. What word does it make?

Child: **Sat**.

You: Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!

You: Say **ring**.

Child: **Ring**.

You: Add /st/ to **ring**. What word does it make?

Child: **String**.

You: Yes! We put two new sounds on the beginning and made a new word!

You: Say **mile**.

Child: **Mile**.

You: Add /s/ to **mile**. What word does it make?

Child: **Smile**.

You: Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!