

SAME SOUNDS

In the Same Sounds activity the students focus attention on the initial sound in words. The task also requires discrimination of words which start with the same sound and those which start with a different sound.

Warm Up



The purpose of this warm up is to focus the students' attention on the sound at the beginning of words. Say words in pairs and have the students clap their hands if the words start with the same sound. You can have them place their hands flat on the desk if the words start with different sounds.

Teaching the Skill



Say to your students, "I'm going to say a word and I want you to listen to the first sound in the word -- 'sail'. What's the first sound?" (Wait for the students to respond with the sound of /s/). "Now I'll say 3 more words and only one will start with the /s/ sound -- sun, dog, fan. Which word starts with the /s/ sound?" (Wait for the response - sun). "That's right. Now we'll try some more words."

Target

fun silly, fit, boat
 look jump, dog, leap
 cup cake, pen, chair
 spoon floor, spit, house

Target

book frog, man, bike
 pig boy, can, pine
 top dog, tent, car
 mail mole, table, shake

Practising the Skill

Whole class

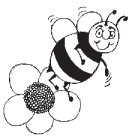


Display a picture and have the students write or draw as many words on a sheet of paper which begin with the same sound as the picture. For example, show the students a picture of a dog. The task for the students is to write or draw as many words which start with the /d/ sound. As an alternative to writing or drawing, the students may say the words while you write them on the board.

Small group

Divide the class into groups of 4 or 5 and give each group a set of pictures cards. Have the students categorize the cards by their initial sounds.

Activities for Mastery



- For students who have some difficulty with this task give them a sound rather than a target word. Students then select a word, from the 3 words you say, that starts with the sound you identified.
- Use a student's name as the target word.
- Give the students a word and have them name another word which starts with the same sound.

Testing Mastery



As time permits, ask each student to name two words which have the same initial sound as the target word you give them.