



Help your child to become more aware of sounds in the following ways:

Go on **'listening walks'** and have fun listening out for sounds around the house and when out and about (e.g., a door shutting, a dog barking, the rain tapping on the window). This careful listening will help your child to start tuning into speech sounds too.



Practise making sounds together by **linking everyday things to speech sounds** (tap running = shshsh / cereal crackling = k-k-k).



"shshshshsh"

Sing songs and nursery rhymes. Sing them again and again so that your child becomes familiar with them. Gradually he/ she will want to join in or add in words for you: 'Twinkle twinkle little... '.



Share rhyming books. Rhyming is a fun way of playing around with sounds in words.



When you come across long words help your child to be more aware of the different parts by sitting your child face to face on your knee and **'bouncing' the syllables** (beats) as you say it. Don't worry if he / she can't say the word clearly. This is all about learning to **hear, see and feel how a word is made.**



gi - raffe



e - le - phant

Choose a sound and search for all the items around the house which begin with that sound (tea, table, tap, top, tiger, tights, tin, towel).



Play easy 'I Spy' by adding extra clues: 'I spy something that shines in the sky It makes me hot and begins with s...'

