

Fun Activities to Promote Speech Sound Development

All the sounds that are used in English can be practised in play. The more these sounds are practised and refined, the clearer they will become in speech. You might like to try some of these activities at mat-time, with small groups, or with individual children as part of other activities. Exaggerate both the sounds and your facial expression to give a clear model for the children to imitate. Remember, you are **making the sound, not saying the letter** ie, 'mmm' not 'em'.

B

- ▲ a boat that goes bbb as it chugs along
- ▲ a ball that bounces bbb
- ▲ try peek-a-boo or something that says 'boo'

P

- ▲ making a paper person bend over by whispering a 'p' sound
- ▲ blowing out candles
- ▲ blowing bubbles

M

- ▲ a car or trolley that goes mmmm
- ▲ things that taste yummy – mmm

T

- ▲ tapping a hammer on anything
- ▲ a dripping tap goes ttt
- ▲ a ticking clock

D

- ▲ pretend to be banging a drum ddd

F

- ▲ imitate a rabbit's teeth fff
- ▲ a sky rocket as it fizzes up fff

V

- ▲ a noisy plane, truck or car goes vvvvv

CH

- ▲ the train goes ch ch ch toot toot

SH

- ▲ tell people to be quiet
- ▲ look the baby's sleeping – sh

S

- ▲ a snake sound
- ▲ the sound of air coming out of a tyre
- ▲ filling up a car with petrol

Z

- ▲ bees or other flying insects can go zzz

G

- ▲ a noisy drinker goes ggg
- ▲ give dolls a drink or pretend to drink from a cup going ggg

K

- ▲ the click of a camera as a photo is taken

Other sound sequences can be used to practise vowel sounds and assist younger children to gain control over their lips and tongues.

- ▲ animal noises
- ▲ phone ringing – brring brring
- ▲ exaggerated laughing – ho ho hee he ha ha
- ▲ exaggerated crying – boo hoo
- ▲ something's wrong or broken – uh oh, oh no
- ▲ big smiles – eee
- ▲ fish face, hooting like an owl ooo
- ▲ blowing kisses