



Word Building

Can you build the word?



Before the activity get the following ready:

1. Chose a sound to focus on eg /ae/ (ay, ai, a-e, ea, a)
2. Write down each sound (letter/s) for a range of words on separate post it notes or scraps of paper eg play, tea, date, break, baby).

During the activity:

1. Ask your child to say each sound on the post it note/paper. Correct any mistakes immediately.
2. Say the word you would like your child to build and ask them to chose the sounds they need.
3. If they struggle to build the word, ask them to say the word slowly, ask what the 1st/2nd/3rd etc. sound is they can hear.
4. Once the word is built, ask them to read it to you by saying the sounds then reading the word by blending the sounds together. Say **“Say the sounds, read the word.”**
5. If your child chooses the wrong /ae/ sound, correct them and say “this is an /ae/ sound but not the correct /ae/ sound for this word. This word uses this /ae/ sound”.