Learn to Read Game:
Ending Sounds

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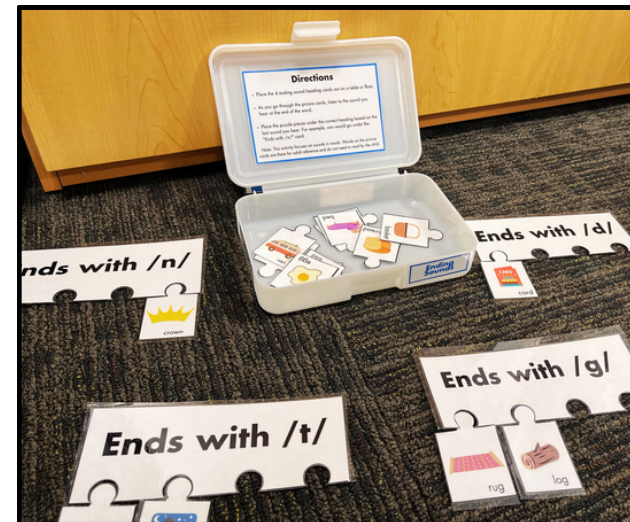Library
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Get ready to have fun while learning to read!

This game is part of a series developed to practice beginning reading skills. Adults, be sure to read through the directions and information before playing together. It will give you lots of tips to enhance learning!

Included in this file are all of the directions you will need to create this learning game. It is formatted to fit on a plastic pencil case like you might find at the dollar store, but an envelope works well too.

Steps:

1. Print out all pages single-sided.

2. Cut on black lines (you will be cutting out boxes and pieces).

3. OPTIONAL: laminate items, affix labels to box

4. Put directions, info page, and other materials into your box or envelope.

5. Have lots of fun!

What Are Ending Sounds?

Ending Sounds:

pig= /g/

horse=/s/

The ending sound of a word is the **last sound you hear** when reading the word.

When interacting with phonics materials, you will see the sound the letter makes notated with slashes on both sides of the letter.

For example: the word "dot" ends with the sound /t/. This symbol shows that you are working with the **sound** of the letter.

Notice that in the word "horse," the ending sound is /s/ even though the ending letter is "e." This is because the letter "e" is silent in this word.

In early decoding, we focus on the ending sound. Correct spelling conventions, such as silent-e, will come later on as children gain experience. For now, it's all about hearing sounds in words!

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/g/   /r/   /m/   /p/

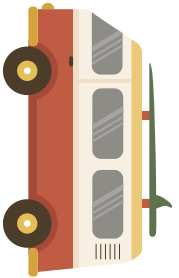Ending Sounds

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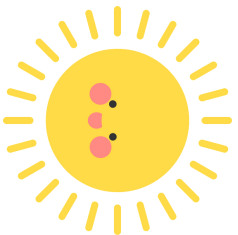Ending Sounds

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Directions

- Place the 4 ending sound heading cards out on a table or floor.

- As you go through the picture cards, listen to the sound you hear at the end of the word.

- Place the puzzle pieces under the correct heading based on the last sound you hear. For example, van would go under the "Ends with /n/" card.

Note: This activity focuses on sounds in words. Words on the picture cards are there for adult reference and do not need to read by the child.
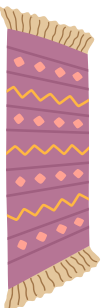
Ends with /g/

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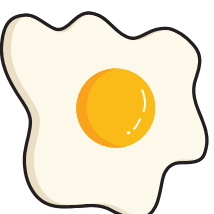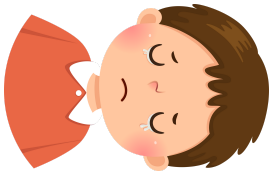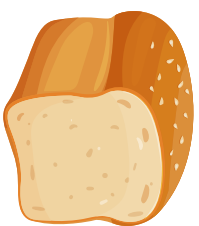
van

sun

penguin

crown

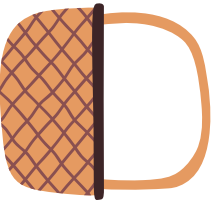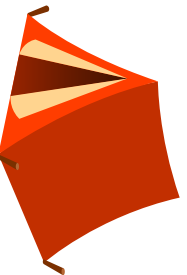## Ends with /t/

night

basket

tent

cat

Ends with /d/

sad

bed

card

bread