

# Fun with phonics

This is a fun game that can also be played outdoors. (Hoops, rabbit masks and hopping are optional!)

## You will need

- ★ Carrot shapes with letters on. There is a PDF of the carrots to adapt. If you have access to a printer, [download it here](#). Or make your own.
- ★ The phonic sounds your child has been working on to put on the carrots, e.g. **ai**, **ar**, **ee**, **igh**, **oa**.
- ★ Fly swatters or rolled up newspapers to 'bop' the 'carrots'.
- ★ One or more children ready to play. Each will need a 'swatter'.

## What you do:

- First, hold up all the carrots you are using and say, "What sound do you say when you see these letters?"
- Explain that you are going to say some words that have that sound in them.
- The children have to run to the carrot with the letters they can hear. For example, if you said 'rain', they would need to run to the 'ai' carrot and bop it with their 'swatter'. If you said 'coat' they need to run to the 'oa' carrot and bop it?
- If you are working on single letters, explain that they have to find the letter they hear at beginning of the word, e.g. If you say the word 'cat', they have to swat the sound they hear at the beginning of the word.



Decide on all the words you are going to focus on and then see if your child can read them at the end of the game. For example:

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| star   | road | boat  |
| float  | jar  | sleet |
| light  | owl  | fowl  |
| carrot | rain | meet  |