

Letter Sounds and Rhyming Words: A Reading Activity



With a focus on letter sounds and rhyming words, this activity will help your child get ready to read and sound out words on her own.

To complete it, print the following two pages and help your child cut out the individual letters. Place them face up on a table or floor to look at together.

Ask your child to find the P, I, and G and arrange them left to right. Ask what sounds these individual letters make. Explain that, in order, the letters spell “PIG,” and sound out the word slowly while running your finger from left to right under the letters.

Now, take away the “P” and explain that “IG” spells “ig”—which is just a part of a word, and which needs a new letter in front of it to spell a whole word.

Ask your child to find the “B” and tell you what sound it makes. Have her move the “B” in front of the “IG.” Sound out the new word, *big*, together, while running your finger under the letters. Continue with the remaining letters, then swap in the “P” again to spell “PIG” once more, sounding it out together.

To build on this activity:

- Try making up a short story together that contains all of the words you spelled: *pig*, *big*, *wig*, *jig*, *dig*, and *rig*.
- Ask your child to draw a picture that uses two or more of the words: a pig in a wig, a big rig, etc.



P

I

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B



W

J

D

R

