

## Initial Sounds

1. Make a *picture* collection of things beginning with the initial sounds of the alphabet. Stick the pictures on to individual cards. Then write the letters on another set of cards. Now children can match letter cards with picture cards.
2. Make an *object* collection of things beginning with initial sounds.
3. Teach one sound per week. e.g. Week 1 – ‘a’ is for ant, apple etc.
4. Read the rhymes and ask the children to repeat the rhyme after you line by line. Tell them to listen for the special sound they are learning.
5. Use art materials to make letter shapes. e.g. use play dough sausages, string, paper mosaic, sand.

# Initial sounds

**a for ant**

**b for bed**

**c for cat**

**d for dog**

**e for elephant**

**f for fish**

**g for gate**

**h for hand**

**i for insect**

**j for jug**

**k for kangaroo**

**l for lion**

**m for mouse**

**n for net**

**o for orange**

**p for panda**

**qu for queen**

**r for rain**

**s for sun**

**t for tap**

**u for umbrella**

**v for violin**

**w for watch**

**x *in* x-ray**

**z for zip**

# Speech rhymes

## a

### **An ant went up an ant hill (finger play)**

An ant went up an ant hill  
An ant came down again  
An ant went in an apple  
An ant came out again

## b

### **Bee Bee**

Bee bee, bumble bee  
Buzzing in the blossom tree

## c

### **Click Clack**

Click clack, front and back  
When you close the door.  
Click clack front and back  
Hear the engine roar.

## d

### **Dan Dan**

Dan, Dan, the funny little man,  
Washed his face in a frying pan,  
Combed his hair with the leg of a chair,  
Dan, Dan, the funny little man.

## **e**

Engine Engine

Engine engine number nine  
Travelling down the railway like  
Now it's nearly half past eight  
Hurry, hurry. Don't be late!

## **f**

**Fly Kite Fly**

Fly kite, fly  
High up in the sky  
Climb and glide  
Swing and slide  
Fly, kite, fly.

## **g**

**Good night**

Good night, Sleep tight  
Wake up bright  
In the morning light.  
Good night, sleep tight  
Don't let the bed bugs bite.

## **h**

**Humpy Dumpty**

Humpty Dumpty sat in a wall  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the King's horses and all the king's men  
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

**i**

**Insect in the ink**

Insect in the ink  
Inky plinky plink  
He went to have a drink  
Inky plinky plink.

**j**

**Jack Be Nimble**

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick  
Jack jump over the candle stick

**k**

**Animals with fur**

Koalas, kangaroos and kittens  
Never have to wear mittens  
God gave them warm fur  
That's why kittens purr.

**l**

**Little worm**

Little worm, little worm  
Wriggling on your belly  
Perhaps you'd like to come inside  
And see what's on the telly.

## **m**

### **Mary Mary**

Mary, Mary, quite contrary  
How does your garden grow  
With silver bells and cockle shells  
And pretty maids all in a row.

## **n**

### **Nine little rabbits**

Nine little rabbits are eating  
Nibbledy nibbledy nib  
They only stop when they're sleeping  
Nibbledy nibbledy nod.

## **o**

### **Orange Octopus** (finger play)

Orange octopus lives under the sea  
Oh-o he's following me!

## **p**

### **Pat-a-cake**

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.  
Pat it and prick it and mark it with 'B'  
And put it in the oven for baby and me.

## **q**

### **Quick as a flash**

Quick as a flash  
Go for a dash

## **p**

### **Pussy Cat**

Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?  
I've been to London to visit the queen.  
Pussy cat, pussy cat, what happened there?  
I frightened a little mouse under the chair.

## **r**

### **Rain, rain**

Rain, rain, go away  
Come again another day  
Rain, rain, go away,  
Don't come back till planting day.

## **s**

### **The swan**

The swan swam over the sea  
Swim, swan, swim.  
The swan swam back again.  
Well swum swan.

## **t**

### **Teddy Bear**

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around  
Teddy bear teddy bear touch the ground  
Teddy bear teddy bear show your shoe  
Teddy bear teddy bear that will do.

## **U**

### **Up went the umbrella**

Up went the umbrella

Up, up, up.

Along came the wind,

Puff, puff, puff.

Away went the umbrella

Up, up and away.

## **V**

### **Vegetable man**

Victor Vee the vegetable man

Found himself inside a can.

## **W**

### **Wet Washing**

Wet washing hanging on the line

Drying very quickly when the weather's fine.

Along comes the wind and blows it all about

Flip flap, flip flap, blowing in and out.

## **X**

### **Fox in socks**

Mr. Fox lives in a box

With ticking clocks

And orange socks.



# Y

## **Yawning Yak**

To see a yak yawning is a sight!  
He yawns and yawns with all his might.  
He yawns and yawns all day and night.

# Z

## **Zoe Zebra**

Zoe Zebra lives in the zoo  
Zara Zebra lives there too  
Zoe like it in the zoo  
Zara Zebra likes it too.

## Final test

Copy the letter and draw something that begins with that letter.

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