

## Game ideas for practicing Speech Sounds:

- Choose one speech sound target per game
  - If your child's target is to use their sound in sentences then prompt them to make a sentence about the object/picture in each activity.

### Ready steady go...

Choose your target pictures and have them stuck to the wall/door on the opposite side of the room, when you say 'Go' your child has to run to the other side and grab one of the pictures as fast as they can and bring it back to you, remember they need to tell you what it is they have picked up and listen for their target sounds e.g. 'bookk'

If your child enjoys competition you can time them to see how fast they can get the picture next time.

### Kim's game

Have some pictures or objects with your child's target sound in. Lay them out on the table for your child to look at for 30 seconds, then ask them to close their eyes and you remove some items or swap their position. When they open their eyes your child has to say what has gone or changed places using good sounds

### Bingo

Print out two copies of the pictures provided by your SLT. Cut one lot of pictures into bingo boards with 4-6 pictures on. Cut the other copies of pictures up into individual pictures. Ask your child to choose their bingo board and you shuffle the loose pictures. You take it in turn to choose a picture making sure they are using good sounds in their words.

### Snap

Have two copies of your child's target sound pictures. Cut these up into individual pictures. These may be small so you can stick these onto bigger pieces of paper if this is helpful. Give them a shuffle and deal out the cards to each player. Then take it in turns to turn one over at a time, if this matches make sure they get their hand on it quickly and say the word for the picture which matched making sure to use good sounds.

### Hide and seek

Hide sound pictures or objects around a room in the house. Your child then has to look for where these have been hidden. Once they have found one they have to say which picture they have found using good sounds.

### **Bowling**

Using skittles or empty plastic bottles and a ball, line up the bottles in a pinball formation. Place target sound pictures underneath. Take it in turns with your child to roll the ball and try to knock over the skittles. When a skittle is knocked over, your child has to say what they have found underneath using their target sound.

### **Describing Game**

You could have the pictures displayed on the table in front of you or hide the picture from your child. Give clues to your child about the picture and they have to guess which picture you are talking about. This allows your child a chance to practice the sound within the word.

### **Temperature game**

This is like hide and seek but this time you tell them how close they are to finding the picture by telling them how hot they are getting. The closer to the picture they are the hotter they get e.g. 'you are getting warmer... hotter... boiling!!' If they are far away from the picture they are 'very cold... colder.. freezing!'

Always model good speech sounds back to your child rather than correcting their productions. If you do have any questions then please contact your Speech and Language Therapist.