# Supporting your child with letters and sounds at home

We have listed some game ideas below, but feel free to create others with your child or other family members.

### Pairs

To play, the individual letters are turned face down. The first player to start turns over a card and says the sound (phoneme). Then they turn over another card and again say the sound. If the sounds are the same they keep the cards and have another go. If the sounds are different the cards are turned face down again and it is another player’s go. The person to get the most pairs wins the game.

### Objects that begin with…

Give you child a lettercard and tell them to find as may objects as they can that start with that phoneme. How many did they find? You can keep a record of how many they find for each letter. Did they beat their previous record?

### Hide and Seek

Hide the flashcards around a room or garden. Tell your child which sound they are looking for. They hunt for that particular sound. Once they found it they start looking for the next one and so on. You can create further challenge by timing them, or have two teams, who can collect the most!

### Word building

Tell the children a simple regular word, e.g. pat, pig, tip, tap. They have to listen for the sounds, pick up the letters that make the sound and then lay them in the correct order. They can then check the word is correct by blending the words back together and getting back to the original word. They might need help to begin with but they will soon become independent.

### Secret Passwords

Place flashcards on doors in the house, each time you go through the door you have to say the password. Ensure they change the flashcards around occasionally so they have to recognise the letters rather than memorise the password!