



Let's Sing our Sounds



Learn the Tip

1. **Sing a fun song:** First, choose a fun song! We like “I Like to Eat Apples and Bananas.” Each time you sing a new verse, switch out the vowel sounds in the words to make new, silly, versions of each word.
2. **Play with the words:** If you are using the apples and bananas song, start singing. Each time you sing a verse use a different vowel sound. The first time, use “a” as an ape. Then, use “e” as in feet. Next, use “i” as in bite. Then, use “o” as in coat. Finally, use “u” as in flute.

Why this tip?

Hearing and playing around with the different sounds in language helps your child understand that words are made up of different sounds. We call this *phonological awareness*. It's a very important pre-reading skill!



Ask Your Child

- Let's sing “I Like to Eat Apples and Bananas.” How does it start?
- Can you think of more rhyming words?
- Can you think of another silly song to sing?
- Let's have fun with the sounds in your name!
- What rhymes with “feet”?



Playfully Practice

Come up with your own song! With your child, make up new words to a tune you know, like “I'm a Little Tea Pot.” Start by choosing a song. Then, think of a subject (like your child's favorite snack). Then, make up a new version of the song. Be sure to use words that rhyme. The sillier the better!

