

I Spy

There are lots of ways to put a phonics twist on this fun, familiar game. Here are a few ideas:

1. Say, "I spy something that starts with the same sound as ball. Name the letter and find the object."
2. Say, "I spy something that starts with the "b" sound. It is not a ball. It is not a book. What is it?"
3. Say, "I spy something that starts with B. It is under a W word and on top of an SH word. What is it? (This could be a book that's under a window and on top of a shelf.) This version covers several initial sounds *and* simple prepositions.



Hide and Seek



Here's a preschool phonics adaptation of another classic game.

1. Divide your class into groups of 4-6 students each.
2. Give each group a different, distinct object that can be hidden. (Ideas: yellow tennis ball, green whistle, a special book, etc.)
3. One student hides the object somewhere in the classroom while the others in the group close their eyes.
4. When he's finished, the students open their eyes. The "hider" gives the other students clues, such as, "I hid the object next to a T object," or "I hid the object under a C object and on top of a B object." (That could be under the clock and on top of a book.)
5. The student who finds the object first becomes the hider for the next round.

