

# Beginning Sounds Mystery Bag Activity

## Objective

Students will practice isolating and identifying the initial sound of different objects

## Ages

3-6 years old

## Materials

- A bag for the objects
- 5-10 small objects that begin with different sounds; we recommend matching the number of objects to the number of students so that each student gets a turn

## How to Play

1. Have each child take a turn reaching into the bag and pulling out an object
2. Ask them to say the word aloud and identify the beginning sound
  - a. If a student is having trouble or gives an incorrect answer, you can model how to stretch out the initial sound and then have them try it with you. If they want, they can choose another object to try on their own
3. Continue until all objects are identified

## Variations and Extensions

- Focus on one sound at a time - collect 3 or 4 small objects that all begin with the same sound (e.g., if you want to focus on the /m/ sound you might include a "mirror", a "map", and a "marker") and have the students identify their common beginning sound
- Practice letter-sound correspondences - after a student identifies the beginning sound, ask another student to tell you the letter that makes that sound
- Practice generating words - after a student identifies the beginning sound, ask if anyone can think of another word that starts with that sound