



Games for practising blending at home

Silly Soup.

You will need - a big bowl, 2 colours of paper, a pen, scissors, a small bowl.

On one colour of paper, write lots of consonants and on the other colour, 2 sets of vowels, Cut them out, fold them up and put them in the bowl.

How to play

1. Mix the letters in the bowl saying 'silly soup, silly soup, we're going to make some silly soup'.
2. Your child gets out 3 letters (2 consonants and 1 vowel). Tell them how many of each colour to get.
3. Your child makes the word (tell them which colour must go in the middle). Help them blend to read the word if needed. The word will be a silly word. That is ok! It could be an alien or a robot word!
4. When your child has read the word, put the letters in the small bowl and say the rhyme again! Play as many times as you like.

Word Pong.

You will need - some cups, a ball (or screwed up tin foil) and words for your child to blend (cvc words) written on pieces of paper.

How to play

1. Your child bounces or throws the ball so it lands in a cup. When it does, your child must read the word inside the cup. If they can, the cup gets taken away.
2. Repeat until a set number of cups have been 'won'!

Stepping Stones

You will need - some cushions, a dice, cvc words written on pieces of paper.

How to play

1. Put the cushions in a line and put a word beside each cushion.
2. Roll the dice and jump the right number of cushions.
3. Read the word they land on to collect the word.
4. Keep going until all numbers have been thrown and all words have been collected!

Other ideas

- Play with magnetic letters - write a simple sentence or word for your child to find on the fridge
- Use post it notes to write words on, stick them around the house for your child to go on a word hunt.
- Hide some letters around the house or garden. Can your child collect the right letters to make the word you say? For example man, sat, pig etc
- For children who like cars or trains - bluetac some letters onto toy vehicles - can they 'park' them so they spell a word?

There are a lot of fantastic websites to support phonics and blending practise. Below are a few examples:

www.phonicsbloom.co.uk - start with Phase 2. There are several free games to play.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - click on the resources tab and start with phase 2 games. Again, there are quite a few free games to choose from.

[Balloon Phonics: Three-Letter Words CVC Game \(topmarks.co.uk\)](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Balloon-Phonics-game)

[How can I support my child with phonics? - Oxford Owl for Home](#) - lots more ideas!