



Animal Sounds Open the Door

Make the right animal sound - the secret signal that opens the door.

Helps Your Child Grow



Phonological Awareness

Comparing the ending sounds in different animal calls helps your child notice rhymes and hear smaller sound parts within spoken words.

Steps

- Pretend there is a doorway. Your child is the gatekeeper, and you play different animals asking to come through.
- Choose a clear sound code, such as “Only animal calls that end with /k/ can come in.” Show both kinds: quack, oink, and squeak match; meow and moo do not.
- Make one animal call at a time and let your child decide whether to open the door. Mix matching and nonmatching sounds to keep the game playful.
- Repeat or slightly stretch the final sound when your child needs help hearing it: “Quack - /k/.” Keep the whole word natural enough to recognize.
- Once the first code feels familiar, try a new one - for example, animal calls that begin with /b/, such as baa and bark.

Tips

- You can also compare two calls directly: “Do baa and bark start the same way?” Begin with sounds that are easy to hear.
- Animal sounds vary across languages. Use calls your child recognizes, while saying the English animal sound or word clearly when the goal is English sound awareness.

Observations

- Says whether animal calls such as “quack” and “oink” end with /k/
- Listens closely and identifies the final sound in an animal call