



Sound Lotto

Based on 'I heard a Bird' By Rob Ramsden



WHAT IS PHASE 1 PHONICS?

Phase 1 focuses on developing children's speaking and listening skills and is an important part of the phonics learning journey. The emphasis during Phase 1 is on getting children familiarised with the sounds that are around them, Being able to distinguish between sounds supports children with their segmenting and blending skills when they move onto Phase 2 phonics.

BEFORE YOU START PLAYING

- Make sure you have enough game boards for each player.
- Print and cut out the sound picture cards and place them in a box or bag.
- Gather counters to cover the squares on the lotto boards.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Each player needs a lotto board in front of them.
2. Taking it in turns, each player puts their hand into the box or bag and pulls out a sound picture card. These are all based on sounds that the little girl hears in 'I heard a Bird' so it would be a good idea to read the story to the children before playing the game.
3. Make the sound that is shown by the picture on the card that has been pulled out.
4. Ask the children if they can also recreate the sound using their own voices (e.g. if they see a bee, they make a buzzing sound).
5. Each player needs to use their knowledge of sounds to recognise the sound being made and if they have that sound on their lotto board they can cover it with a counter.
6. Players take it in turns to choose and make sounds until one player crosses off three squares in a row, at which point they shout 'lotto' or 'bingo' and win the game.