



Making Crazy Sounds

Sometimes, acting goofy makes learning easier. Beginning phonics readers need to learn how to blend sounds together, which is easier for some readers than others. Print out this page on card stock and cut out the cards. Create two piles of cards. One pile should have consonants, and the other should have vowels. Ask your child to draw a card from each pile and make some sort of silly sound by "blending" the sounds from the two letters together. Tell the child to use short vowels. For example, the "a" makes a short vowel sound like in "cat," so if she draws a "b" and an "a", she should say "ba", like a sheep. Let your child be as loud and silly as she wants with this activity. The vowel cards are a different color.

B	C	D	A
F	G	H	E
J	K	L	I
M	N	P	O
Q	R	S	U
T	V	W	
X	Y	Z	