

Jolly Phonics Actions

These actions match the sounds your child will be learning in Nursery. You can support them at home by pointing out different things wherever you go and emphasise the initial sound of the things you are pointing out. You can play games such as 'I Spy' to encourage your child to think about the sounds familiar objects begin with. Remember we learn letter sounds **NOT** letter names at this stage as this will ultimately support your child's reading. If you need any further support or ideas please let me know.

Thank you and have fun!

Mrs Sharp

- s Weave hand in an s shape, like a snake, and say ssssss.
- a Wiggle fingers above elbow as if ants crawling on you and say a, a, a.
- ti Turn head from side to side as if watching tennis and say t, t, t.
- p Pretend to be a mouse by wriggling fingers at end of nose and squeak i, i, i.
- n Pretend to puff out candles and say p, p, p.
Make a noise, as if you are a plane - hold arms out and say nnnnnn.
- ck
e Raise hands and snap fingers as if playing castanets and say ck, ck, ck.
eh, eh. Pretend to tap an egg on the side of a pan and crack it into the pan, saying eh,
h
h, h, h Hold hand in front of mouth panting as if you are shaking out of breath and say
r
Pretend to be a puppy holding a piece of rag, shaking head from side to side,
and say rrrrrr.
- m Rub tummy as if seeing tasty food and say mmmmmm.
- d Beat hands up and down as if playing a drum and say d, d, d.
- g Spiral hand down, as if water going down the drain, and say g, g, g.
- o Pretend to turn light switch on and off and say o, o, o, o.
- u Pretend to be putting up an umbrella and say u, u, u.

- l Pretend to lick a lollipop and say l, l, l, l, l, l.
- f Let hands gently come together as if toy fish deflating, and say f, f, f, f, f, f.
- b Pretend to hit a ball with a bat and say b, b, b.
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- j Pretend to wobble on a plate and say j, j, j.
- z Put arms out at sides and pretend to be a bee, saying zzzzzz.
- w Blow on to open hand, as if you are the wind, and say wh, wh, wh.
- v Pretend to be holding the steering wheel of a van and say vvvvvv.
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- y Pretend to be eating a yoghurt and say y, y, y.
- x Pretend to take an x-ray of someone with an x-ray gun and say ks, ks, ks.
- ch Move arms at sides as if you are a train and say ch, ch, ch. Place index
sh finger of lips and say sh sh sh.
- th th Pretend to be naughty clowns and stick out tongue a little for the th, and
further for the th sounds (this and thumb).
- qu Make a duck's beak with your hands and say qu, qu, qu.