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Sound of the week – Ee

An activity to focus on our sound Ee:

Matching/pairs game incorporating all words/pictures beginning with the sound Ee

What do you need:

2 of each picture beginning with our sound Ee (you could draw them, print them, or cut out duplicate pictures whatever is available to you!)

A clear table or floor space and an excited child!!

What to do:

Place all your pictures face down on the floor and turn over 2 cards. Name the pictures you have turned over, clearly sounding out the sounds and the Ee sound at the beginning of each word. If they match, you win the pair, if they don't match you turn them back over again. Keep taking turns and enjoy!

Language that could be used: "They are the same" "not the same" "what do you see?" "try to remember where the elephant is!". Remember to praise them for doing "good looking" (point to your eyes as you say this), and "good listening" (point to your ears) when they hear it's their turn.

You could count the cards as you both turn them, "one,two" / "lets see how many cards we have left!"

The learning outcome of this type of activity:

Listening and attention, sequencing and matching, counting, literacy and alliteration, taking turns, fine motor skills too.

To further extend the learning, perhaps you could ask your child to go and source the pictures themselves first out of magazines, comics, or on the computer that begin with the sound Ee. You could encourage them to cut them out and stick on card to make the picture cards. How would they feel making their own pairs game? I would feel so excited!!

Additionally, a story that really does focus on the sound Ee

A lovely story to read with your child would be Elmer, the patchwork elephant. There are many words you could use beginning with the sound Ee

"Elephant, Elmer, excited, exhausted, energetic" and so on.