

# Souns® PRACTICE AT HOME (1)

(KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

## HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN TO READ!

Alphabet names are wonderful to know; however, we write and read with alphabet sounds. Say to your child, "Since we write and read with the sounds, not names, from now on we will focus **ONLY** on sounds of the letters."

REVIEW THESE 4 SOUNDS WITH YOUR CHILD IN THIS ORDER:

o m s t

For parents/family/friends who are helping, review these sounds yourself beforehand:

o (ah) example: odd, octopus, mop

m (mmm) ex: mop, mommy, mittens

s (sss) ex: set, sun, sand

t (tih) ex: top, tip, tell

Suggest to your child, "TOUCH the a (ah)," or "SHOW ME the s (sss)," or "WHERE IS the m (mmm)?" or "POINT TO the t (tih)." Encourage, but do not demand the child say the sound back to you.

**Remember: Use how it SOUNDS, NOT THE ALPHABET NAMES!!**

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