Sort by the beginning sound

Say each picture name. Listen to its first sound and place it on a sound mat. No cutting is needed to point.

Sound /s/

Place pictures here.

Sound /p/

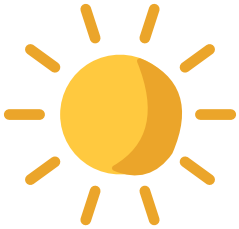
Place pictures here.

Sound /b/

Place pictures here.

Picture pieces for sorting

Name the pictures together. Cut along the dashed outlines with adult help, then use the matching mats.



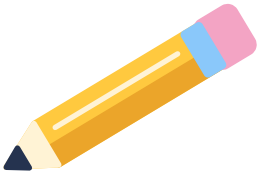
sun



sock



pig



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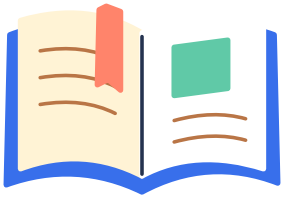

book



bin

Keep the sorting mats on the previous page whole. An adult cuts out these six pieces. Place the pictures on their mats, or point while an adult moves them.

Grown-up answer guide

Check the task together. A spoken answer or a point can replace writing.

UK: s = sun, sock; p = pig, pencil; b = book, bin. US: s = sun, sock; p = pig, pencil; b = book, banana. A different chosen object name may start with a different sound.

Use short sounds rather than adding “uh” to /p/ or /b/. Letter names and sounds are different. The UK bin card becomes trash can in US vocabulary, so the US version uses banana in the b group instead; both versions keep the listening task accurate.