

# What's the First Sound? Song

## Sing to the Tune of "Old McDonald Had a Farm"

Remember, when a letter is shown like this, /t/, say the sound the letter makes. Sing the verses below and then make up your own.

What's the sound that starts these words:  
**table, toe, and ten?** (Child responds, /t/).  
With a /t/, /t/, here and a /t/, /t/ there.  
Here a /t/, there a /t/, everywhere a /t/, /t/.  
/t/ is the sound that starts these words:  
**table, toe, and ten.**

What's the sound that starts these words:  
**sunshine, snow, and sit?** (Child responds, /s/).  
With a /s/, /s/, here and a /s/, /s/ there.  
Here a /s/, there a /s/, everywhere a /s/, /s/.  
/s/ is the sound that starts these words:  
**sunshine, snow, and sit.**

What's the sound that starts these words:  
**apple, ant, and ask?** (Child responds, /ă/).  
With a /ă/, /ă/, here and a /ă/, /ă/ there.  
Here a /ă/, there a /ă/, everywhere a /ă/, /ă/.  
/ă/ is the sound that starts these words:  
**apple, ant, and ask.**

What's the sound that starts these words:  
**insect, itch, and if?** (Child responds, /ī/).  
With a /ī/, /ī/, here and a /ī/, /ī/ there.  
Here a /ī/, there a /ī/, everywhere a /ī/, /ī/.  
/ī/ is the sound that starts these words:  
**insect, itch, and if.**

# Add a Sound to Make a New Word

<p><b>You:</b> Say <b>ox</b>.</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Ox</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Add /f/ to <b>ox</b>. What word does it make?</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Fox</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!</p>	<p><b>You:</b> Say <b>ice</b>.</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Ice</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Add /m/ to <b>ice</b>. What word does it make?</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Mice</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!</p>	<p><b>You:</b> Say <b>am</b>.</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Am</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Add /h/ to <b>am</b>. What word does it make?</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Ham</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!</p>
<p><b>You:</b> Say <b>at</b>.</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>At</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Add /s/ to <b>at</b>. What word does it make?</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Sat</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!</p>	<p><b>You:</b> Say <b>ring</b>.</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Ring</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Add /st/ to <b>ring</b>. What word does it make?</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>String</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Yes! We put two new sounds on the beginning and made a new word!</p>	<p><b>You:</b> Say <b>mile</b>.</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Mile</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Add /s/ to <b>mile</b>. What word does it make?</p> <p><b>Child:</b> <b>Smile</b>.</p> <p><b>You:</b> Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!</p>