

Tin Targets.

You will need:

- Empty, washed out tins.
- Sock beanbag.
- A ball.
- Paper or post it notes.
- A pen.

Phonics skills:

This game allows your child to practise visual recognition and pronunciation of their target sounds and/or words.

Physical skills:

To develop accurate aiming through throwing and kicking.

How to Play:

Game 1

- Write your child's target sounds and/or words on pieces of paper or post it notes and attach them to the empty tins, one per tin.
- Line up the tins on a table or bench.



- Your child throws their beanbag trying to knock down one of the tins.
- If they are successful, they run and collect the tin, bringing it to you and telling you what sound/word is on it.
- Alternatively, you could say a target sound or word and your child has to try to hit the correct one.

Game 2:

- Game 2 is exactly the same as Game 1, except that in this game your child is aiming to hit the tins by kicking a ball.
- You can either organise the tins in a straight line for your child to kick the ball at. They then tell you the sound or word on the tin that they kick over; or spread the tins randomly and encourage your child to dribble the ball around the tins until they find the sound or word that you have given them.



Teaching tip: This is a good game to consolidate sounds or words that your child is already fairly familiar with and then add one or two new sounds or words in for them to begin to recognise.

Safety first: Ensure that the tins that you are using are clean and have no sharp edges that your child may cut themselves on. As an alternative to tins, you could use empty plastic bottles or a combination of bottles and tins.