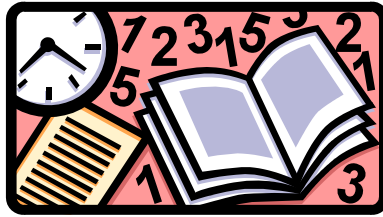


## TIPS FOR CARRY OVER AT HOME!



1. You could use the topic sheets where there are questions given to structure a discussion on a particular topic. It is a good place to start as it is quite structured. Start each topic by reminding your child that you want them to focus on their new sound. You can correct their mistakes during this task.
3. You could agree to 5 mins of chat where your child would use their new sound. You can talk about anything at all but remind your child that you are listening for the good sound and you will correct them if you don't hear it.
5. Develop a secret code to help your child remember their sound. Initially this might be saying their name and reminding them to make a good \_ sound, while tapping them on the shoulder. You could reduce down gradually to using the tap on the shoulder and their name and further down to just tapping them lightly. This is very subtle and effective because it can be used almost anywhere without embarrassing your child. This way you can draw their attention to their difficulty without anyone else knowing.
6. After practicing topics and free conversation you can start extending your practice. Pick a time of the day and let your child know you will be listening for the good sounds and correcting an errors. Choose a time that your child will be alert enough to focus but relaxed enough to concentrate on something that might be difficult. Use your secret code here to help your child correct their mistakes.
7. You could gradually increase the number of times within the day that you focus on the good speech sound. Make sure that your child knows beforehand that you will be listening.

8. You are aiming to scale down the amount of actual practice and increase the amount of secret code you use within the day.

**Points to remember!**

- \* The best type of practice is little and often. It is still important to keep the practice going a little bit every day!
- \* Lots of praise! This will help your child keep motivated to work and if you make your praise specific you can show them the way you want them to work also.
- \* Remember to have fun. Keep using board games and toys to keep the practice interesting and fun.
- \* You might not need to go through all the stages but choose the ones that work for you and go with them. Focus on the things you and your child find useful
- \* Take breaks. Your child needs to have a rest from work to consolidate all that they have learned. Work for a few weeks and take a few weeks off.

