

## Lesson Topic: Identify Beginning Letter Sound



### Common Core Standards:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.K.2.D Isolate and pronounce the initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in three-phoneme (consonant-vowel-consonant, or CVC) words.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.2.C Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.

**Grade level:** PreK-1

### Materials:

Bluebee Pal connected to tablet, alphabet letters visible for students to refer to

### Required Free Applications:

Youtube Kids , Toddler Flashcards , Dr Panda

### Optional Paid Applications:

Starfall

### Set-up:

Download required free apps onto your tablet (or paid applications if desired)

Sync your Bluebee Pal with your tablet

Visit the apps you will be using to familiarize yourself with their layout or save videos as needed

### Lesson Instructions:

1. Tell students that they will be learning about beginning letter sounds. This is the first sound you hear in a word. That sound matches a letter in the alphabet.
2. Tell students Bluebee is going to teach them about letter sounds. Watch a video or song from Youtube Kids . Some options are:
  - a. Brain Candy TV "Learn the Alphabet with Lizzy the Dog | ABC Video for Kids Part 1"
  - b. The Phonics King "The Beginning Sounds Chant"
  - c. Jack Hartmann "Learning Letter Sounds"
3. Now tell students that you will play a game. Bluebee will show them a picture and they need to figure out what alphabet letter makes the beginning sound. Refer to the alphabet poster in your classroom for students to use as a reference.
  - a. Free App: Toddler Flashcards will show a category of pictures. Students can take turns identifying a picture and its letter sound then touching the picture to see if they are correct. Teacher could also use a whiteboard to write the letter/word on the board so students can visualize the word and give peers a chance to agree or disagree before touching the picture.
  - b. Paid app: Starfall Go to "Backpack Bear's Books" (picture of the bear taking a book off of a shelf). Then choose a vowel from the bottom, right of the page. Students will be given a word to decode. Use a sticky note to cover the first letter and have students use the picture and the sound to determine what the first letter is. You can change out the first letter sound to get a new word from that word family and have students determine the new beginning sound. (this is great for teaching ending sounds as you can also change the ending sound of a word)

**Differentiation:**

For struggling students, check out some of free interactive beginning sound apps or activities

Dr Panda - Students match beginning letters in "Ice Breaker"

Bluebee Pals Companion Guide pages 11-12 - Students can use the Bluebee Pals app to have the Bluebee pals characters introduce themselves and the students then retell who the character is. To get to this activity go to the house filled with daily activities and click on the living room. The Bluebee Pals characters are seated on the couch and ready to introduce themselves. Then write the characters beginning letter onto the Companion Guide pages.

**Extension:**

Have students use Starfall in "Backpack Bear's Books" to work on another word family to determine the beginning letter sounds.