



## Letter Bb Activities

The letter-sound association we are studying this week is "B b" as in "Benny Bear." Here are some activities your child can do to supplement our school activities.

1. Have a "B b" hunt around the house. Encourage your child to see how many objects he can find with names beginning with the "B b" sound. If possible, let your child write the name on a card to hang on the object. \*

2. Which two words in each group begin with the "B b" sound?

ball, baby, cat	coat, bump, bubble
Bobby, Mary, Betty	balloon, apple, bat
red, boy, bicycle	corn, bug, big
hand, book, bugle	back, bunny, march

3. Which words in these sentences begin with the "B b" sound?

- The boy has a red bicycle.
- That bird has a long bill.
- My book is about three bears.
- Barry lost a button on his coat.
- The boat bumped into the river bank.

4. Play a Listening game: All of your guesses should begin with the "B b" sound.

- A little insect that buzzes, makes honey, and may sting you is called a \_\_\_\_\_. (bee)
- The round thing we can roll and throw and catch is called a \_\_\_\_\_. (ball)
- The animal that sings "chirp, chirp" and flies above the trees is a \_\_\_\_\_. (bird)
- The round thing filled with air you have at a party is called a \_\_\_\_\_. (balloon)
- At night the cows go to sleep in the \_\_\_\_\_. (barn)

5. What is the difference between a buffalo and a bison? Discuss bunnies, birds, bears, baboons, bugs, bumblebees, boars, bald eagles, bats, basset hounds, beagles, burros, beavers, bloodhounds, blue jays, brontosaurus, Boston terriers, bulldogs, butterflies...

6. Make "My Bb Book." Staple several pieces of paper together to make a book. Have your child look through magazines and cut out pictures of things beginning like "Benny Bear." Glue one picture to each page then have your child write a sentence about each picture using "invented spelling." \* Have your child read his/her book to you.

7. Practice the following nursery rhyme. Think of other "B" names to replace "baby".

### Pat-A-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man,  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.  
Roll it and pat it and mark it with a Bb.  
Put it in the oven for Baby and me.

\* If invented spelling frustrates your child try these other ways to write at home: 1. Your child names a word, you write it down then your child copies it. 2. Your child names a word, he/she writes the letters as you spell it.

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