



# Scoil Mhuire Moynalty

## Oral Language Games

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- ❖ *I Spy* with my little eye something beginning with ..... (play this every night revising the sound of the day from school)
- ❖ *I'm Thinking of* something beginning with 's' and you can find it in the bathroom ...'sink' YES! Well done. Now I'm thinking of an animal in the zoo beginning with 'e' ..... 'elephant' YES! Well done!
- ❖ *Rhyming Words* .... I'm thinking of something that rhymes with 'cat' .... mat, fat, hat, flat, bat etc

*If you can play these games as much as possible with your child on a daily basis it will help to re-enforce and consolidate sounds. They could also be encouraged to play these games with their siblings where possible.*

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Developing Oral Language with your child

Top Ten Tips for Parents /Guardians



Infants – 1st Class	2nd and 4th Class	5th and 6th Class
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