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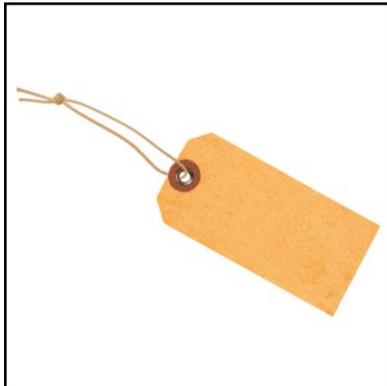
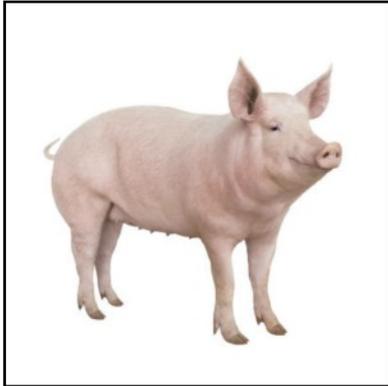
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Moveable Alphabet & Picture Cards

1. Print letter and picture cards on paper or cardstock and cut out. (You can print the letter pages as many times as you want to so you don't run out of the letters you need.)
2. Sort the letters into piles from a to z.
3. Choose one picture to start with, and ask your child to name it. (Let's see what we have here... do you know what this is?)
4. Repeat the word. Say the word again, emphasizing the beginning, middle and end sounds. (Jet. J-e-t.)
5. Ask, "What sound do you hear at the beginning of the word 'Jet?'"
6. Child identifies beginning sound, then finds the letter that makes that sound.
7. Repeat with the middle and ending sounds. ("What sound do you hear in the middle of the word 'jet?' J-e-t.")
8. When the word is complete, ask your child what word he or she just made. (Yes! You made the word 'jet!')
9. Repeat with new words as long as your child maintains enthusiasm. (Do a few with your child, then allow your child to continue on his or her own.)
10. At first, choose words with the same middle vowel sound (for example, all words with "a" in the middle). Later, choose words at random.

Note: Montessori language word is separated into color groups. "Pink" words are all 3-letter phonetic words, and mostly follow the consonant-vowel-consonant pattern. "Blue" words are still completely phonetic, contain more than 3 letters, and may contain blends. "Green" words contain phonographs and long vowel sounds such as those with the silent "e". The words in this lesson are all "pink" words, so they are appropriate for children who have just mastered the letter sounds and are ready to start reading.

a - bag, can, hat, cat, tag

e - bed, jet, red, net

i - bib, six, pig, fin

o - box, cot, top, dog

u - mug, cut, bus, bug