

## Phoneme Deletion of Initial Sound

Consider using the following activities at home with your child:

- ★ Can you delete (or take away) the first sound from a word? Try it with your own name! Say your name aloud. Now say your name without the first sound. Some examples are below:
  - Say Luke; without /l/, what's left is -uke
  - Say jam. Without /j/, what's left is? -am
  - Say gate. Without /g/, what's left is? -ate
  
- ★ When you say a word, you can also delete (or take away) the first sound.
  - Say, " gate; without /g/, what's left is?" and your child would say: "ate".
  - Other words to use:
    - Keep, without /k/ → -eep
    - Jet, without /j/ → -et
    - Pave, without /p/ → -ave
  
- ★ Give your child a word with a beginning blend and have them repeat it back to you. Then, take away the first sound of the blend and see if they can tell you the new word.
  - Say blink → without /b/ what's left is? → link
  - Say crane → without /c/ what's left is? → rain
  - Say space → without /s/ what's left is? → pace

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