Preparing to Read



REPETITION Some students may benefit from saying the words after you and then giving the signal.

Phonemic Awareness

Phoneme Replacement

Initial Consonant Sounds

- ◆ Remind students that by changing just one sound, they can turn one word into another word.
- ◆ On the board, write *mend*, touch the word, and say it. Erase the *m*, and write s to replace it. Tell students that the word now begins with /s/. Ask what the word is. send
- ◆ Say send, and then erase the s, and replace it with b. Say Now the word begins with /b/. What word is it? bend
- ◆ Continue, using the sounds /v/, /l/, and /t/.
- ◆ Additional words that can be used for this activity are as follows:

ban (/k/, /m/, /f/) tag (/r/, /b/, /s/) had (/b/, /l/, /d/) seed (/w/, /n/, /f/) deep (/b/, /s/, /w/) tip (/r/, /s/, /d/, /n/) nice (/m/, /r/, /l/) mill (/s/, /d/, /f/, /w/)