

Cloverbuds: Good Vibrations: The Science of Sound

Things to Try at Home

Be Bop & Click Clack

Materials:

Paper

Blank sound word boxes

Pencils or markers

Scissors

Book: *Charlie Parker Played be bop* by Chris Raschka or *Night Noises* by Mem Fox or *What Charlie Heard* by Mordicai Gerstein

What to do:

- Read together either *Charlie Parker Played be bop* by Chris Raschka or *Night Noises* by Mem Fox or *What Charlie Heard* by Mordicai Gerstein.
- All of these books use sound words like "be bop" and "click clack" that name a thing or an action by imitating its sound, like the "buzz" of a bee. Animal noises, machine noises and some music words are often these special sound words. Talk about other stories, books or poems that use special sound words like these.
- Take turns, writing a sound word like "be bop" or "click clack" in a word box. Use the book for sound word ideas.
- Cut the sound word boxes apart.
- Turn the word boxes over and mix them up on the table.
- Taking turns, turn over the word boxes till you have the same number of words as the age of your child. So if your child is six, you should have six sound words.
- Together create a silly sentence or poem or story using the sound words.
- Write your silly sentence or poem or story down on the paper and draw pictures to illustrate it.
- Mix the sound words up again, and write a new silly sentence or poem or story.
- Optional: create a homemade book of your silly sentences, poems and stories.

Talk about:

What sound words do we use? Where do you think these sound words came from? Do you think that we could make up a new sound word?