

Mountain Shadows Phonemic Awareness Scale (MS-PAS) Administration Guide

Different Initial Sounds

Children look at the pictures, hear the words spoken, and are instructed to put an **X** on the picture of the word that begins with a different first sound. "Different" in spoken instructions may be supplemented with "Which one is not like the others" if that is more familiar to students.

Say: Now we are going to do something a little different. Look at the pictures [say names of four pictures]. One of these words starts with a different sound from the other three. Put an **X** on the picture that has a different first sound. Repeat for each item.

Practice Items (Give correct answers. **Say:** See, [name three words with same first sound] begin with the same sound, but [correct word] begins with a different first sound so we put an **X** on [correct word].

<u>Word 1</u>	<u>Word 2</u>	<u>Word 3</u>	<u>Word 4</u>
bee	bear	beans	coat
head	hand	tree	hut

Test Items

<u>Word 1</u>	<u>Word 2</u>	<u>Word 3</u>	<u>Word 4</u>	
bike	bell	net	bug	Turn page
fish	fork	five	pin	
hat	heel	horn	gum	
bed	two	tulip	tape	Turn page
cap	cow	car	leaf	
radio	cane	rabbit	rock	
frog	six	sock	sun	
jug	jar	tack	jam	
dart	rope	desk	doll	
box	bat	mop	barn	