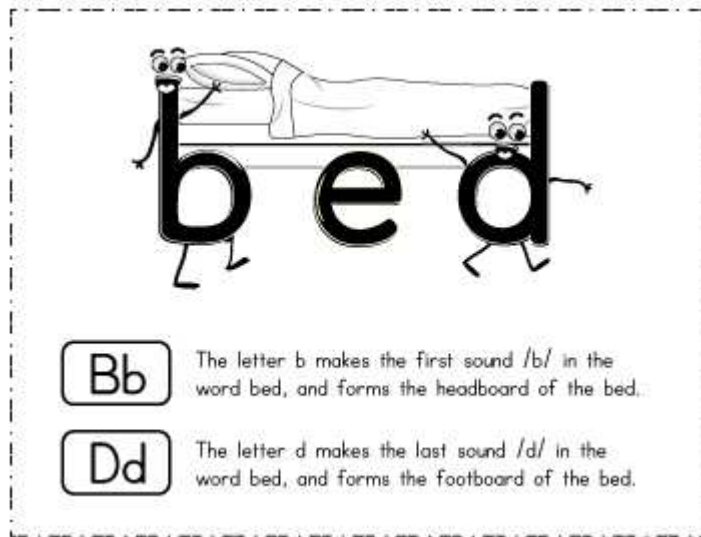


“b” & “d” confusion



Even the most confident early readers can get confused between "b" and "d", and for some children these letters can be a real problem.

One way of ending the confusion is with the "bed" trick. Show your child the picture of the "bed". Then ask him/her to hold his/her hands in front of the picture, forming his/her first finger and thumb into a ring and pointing the other three fingers straight up, to mimic the shapes of the letters. Help him/her to sound out the word "bed" while noticing that "b" and his/her left hand starts the word, whilst "d" and his/her right hand finishes it.

By combining seeing (the picture), listening (sounding out the word) and doing (using hands to make the shapes of the letters and imagining the bed between them) you are giving him/her a good chance of finally getting to grips with these tricky letters.

The above tip has been taken from the following website:

http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/b_and_d_confusion.htm