



The Riddle Game: The Baseball Cat

Preparation (1 minute):

- Cue your screen to the beginning of **Episode 2: The Baseball Cat**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddhEvPqPC0U>
- If you haven't done so already, click on the "Subscribe" button to be alerted to new content.
- Download one of the accompanying **Sounder & Friends™ Sound Switch Pages** and have it available for viewing.
- Provide each student with a blank piece of writing paper or a copy of the **Sounder & Friends™ Sound Switch Page A or B**.

Lesson (15 minutes):

1. Ask students if they like riddles by giving a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down". Tell them they are going to play a riddle game. Say, "I'm thinking of a baseball word that begins with /b/."
 - Teacher: I am round. You can throw or catch me. I rhyme with doll. What am I?
Students: Ball!
 - Teacher: I am made of steel or wood. You need me to hit a baseball. I rhyme with cat. What am I?
Students: Bat!
 - Teacher: You find me in a dugout at a baseball game. Players sit on me while they are waiting for their turn to play. I rhyme with wrench. What am I?
Students: Bench!
2. Tell students they're going to watch **Episode 2: The Baseball Cat**. Play the episode and pause at 1:17. Ask them what the bat would turn into if the Sound Snatcher switched the first sound to /h/, /m/, or /r/.
3. Watch the remainder of the episode.
4. Invite students to play another riddle game.

3 - 4 year olds	5 - 7 year olds	Response
Ask...	Tell students that they are going to add a sound to the BEGINNING of a word.	
What do you get when you add /m/ to -itt?	What do you get when you have -itt and you add /m/?	Mitt!
What do you get when you add /m/ to -ask?	What do you get when you have -ask and you add /m/?	Mask!
What do you get when you add /f/ to -ence?	What do you get when you have -ence and you add /f/?	Fence!
What do you get when you add /b/ to -ench?	What do you get when you have -ench and you add /b/?	Bench!
What do you get when you add /b/ to -at?	What do you get when you have -at and you add /b/?	Bat!
What do you get when you add /b/ to -all?	What do you get when you have -all and you add /b/?	Ball!

5. Show students the **Sounder & Friends™ Sound Switch Page A or B**. For younger students (use version A), invite them to draw a picture of a word that rhymes with bat. For older students (use version B), encourage them to color the **Sound Swirls** in "bat," using a different color for each different sound, then switch a sound to create a new word, coloring the **Sound Swirls** and drawing a picture of what they created.

