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Final Consonant Deletion

Minimal pairs for children who leave off ending sounds.

The pairs in this set (early ending sounds: t, k, d, n)

bye – bike

moo – moon

toe – toad

bow – boat

bow – bone

boo – boot

Who it is for

Children of about 3 to 5 who say "bo" for "boat" or "bi" for "bike".
Most children stop leaving off ending sounds by about age 3.

Before you start

If it still happens a lot after age 3 and a half, see a speech-language pathologist.
Ending sounds are quiet. Check hearing, especially after ear infections.
Start with a sound the child can already say at the START of words.

How to practice

5 to 10 minutes a day is better than a long session once a week.
Go in order: listen, then say words, then sentences. Many tries count.
Respond to what you HEAR, not what you know the child meant.
This is practice, not a test, and it cannot diagnose a speech problem.