

Children's

# MUSEUM

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## Word Shaker

Make a noisemaker to follow along as you read a story.

### What to do

#### What you need

- *Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?* by Dr. Seuss
- Markers
- Cereal
- 2 Paper Plates
- Stapler

1

Read the book together. *Did you hear any words repeat?*

2

Let your child decorate the back side of each paper plate with markers.

3

Add a handful of cereal to a plate and place the other plate on top creating a pocket.

4

Staple the plates together. Make sure the plates are sealed shut so the cereal does not fall out.

5

Read aloud one page from the book and shake the noisemaker as you say each word. *Do you hear any words in the story that rhyme or sound the same?*

### For Parents

The more experience your child has in hearing the sounds in words, the easier it will be for him/her to sound out words, read with fluency and understand what he or she reads. Help your child look for words that begin with the same letter sound or have the same ending sound.

