Helping your child stretch apart and connect sounds to sound out words supports early reading success. For example:

How does this word start?
Your child says, /mmm/.

What’s the next sound?
Your child says, /aaa/.

What sound comes next?
Your child says, /nnn/.

What happens when you put them together?
Your child says, /mmmaaannn/.

What is the word?
Your child says, man!