Identifying Final Phonemes Activities

End Sounds  Say each word to the child—jam, foot, hill, map, fox, bed—ask your child to tell you the sound each word ends with. Choose five words from a book you are reading. Say each word. Have the child say the sound he/she hears at the end of each word.

Where’s That Sound? Place three sticky notes on a piece of paper in a straight line. The first one stands for the beginning sound in a word, the second for the middle sound in a given word, and the last one for the final sound in a word. The child is then asked to identify where a sound appears in a word by pointing to the beginning or end sticky note. This activity is a good review for beginning sounds, as well as practicing ending sounds. Do not ask for a middle sound in any of the words.

Ending to Beginning  Begin by providing a word, for example dot. Have the child isolate the ending sound of the word dot /t/ and think of a word that begins with that sound (for example, tap). Then you isolate the last sound in tap /p/ and think of a new word that begins with /p/ (for example, park). Continue the pattern.

Tick Tock Sound  Go to the website below and print page 16. Four tic-tac-toe picture game boards are provided on that page. Cut the boards apart. The game is played just like tic-tac-toe; however, before anyone can place an X or an O on a space, he or she needs to identify the final sound of the picture word correctly. The winner must get three in a row.

I’m Going on a Trip  Select a sound, for example /t/. Choose a word ending with that sound and say, “I’m going on a trip and I’m packing a hat.” The next person must repeat the first item and add another item with the /t/ ending sound. For example, “I’m going on a trip and I’m packing a hat and a suit.” Keep going until no one is able to come up with anymore /t/ ending sound words to pack. Then you can change the end sound.

Interactive Websites
http://www.kidport.com/GradeK/LanguagesArts/Workbook/LangK_MissingLetter.htm
http://www.softschools.com/language_arts/phonics/games/ending_sounds.jsp
http://www.professorgarfield.org/phonics/fishing/fishing.html

Books for Teaching Final Phonemes
Barnyard Song By R. Gowler
Green Eggs and Ham By Dr. Seuss
Monkey Do By A. Ahlberg
How Rocket Learned to Read By Tad Hills