READING LINKS

Phonemic Awareness
Manual
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The LINKS Project

The mission of the LINKS project is to develop educational multi-media products that can support school improvement and educational reform. The project has focused on the development of a website and the development programs.

Reading LINKS is a multi-media program that provides information and models ways that scientific reading research may be incorporated in classroom instruction. Reading LINKS began with the filming of teachers demonstrating the five components of reading instruction included in the Report of the National Reading Panel (NRP). These include phonemic awareness instruction, phonics instruction, fluency instruction, vocabulary instruction, and comprehension instruction. Reading LINKS was expanded to include early oral language development, English language learners, turning a school around, and strategic change. A total of 18 lessons are provided on the LINKS website (www.linkslearning.com) as well as on CDs.

The Reading LINKS program resources also includes eight training modules and participant materials that can be used in three to six hour workshops at schools, districts, regional or state conferences or meetings. The information in the lessons provides teachers, administrators, parents, and citizens with information about ways reading research can be used to increase children's reading skills, competence, and achievements.

The LINKS project partnered with teachers and staff from Washington Alliance of Schools to highlight the importance, complexity, and elegance of effective teaching and learning.

These teachers along with a reading consultant and a Scottsdale, Arizona teacher are featured in the videos. They demonstrate a wealth of reading knowledge, skills in curriculum design, instruction and assessment, as well as an obvious concern and caring for the children they teach.

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It is our hope that the electronic and print Reading LINKS materials will provide information and models for new teachers, will stimulate discussion and experimentation with experienced teachers, and will be useful in ensuring that all children learn to read and read well by the end of third grade and will continue their reading skills development throughout their school experience.

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ROPES: A GUIDING STRUCTURE FOR LEARNING

| R | Review - entry learning designed to activate and assess prior knowledge and to focus the session |
| O | Overview - explicit statement of the goals and objectives of the session |
| P | Presentation - presentation and discussion of research-based concepts that are needed to build background knowledge |
| E | Engagement and Practice - modeling, practicing, and demonstrating understanding of the concepts; viewing video lessons; action planning for identifying and implementing instructional practices and interventions |
| S | Summary - summarizing key learnings |

(adapted from a model developed by R. Carkhuff)
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SECTION 1: REVIEW
What Do I Already Know About Phonemic Awareness?

Activity 2 THINK - INK - PAIR - SHARE

THINK - INK: Rate your general familiarity with phonemic awareness by placing an X on the continuum and completing the Knowledge Rating Chart.

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Terminology Knowledge Rating Chart

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A **phoneme** is the smallest meaningful unit of sound in spoken language. A unit of sound is represented in print using slash marks (e.g., the phoneme or sound that the letter “a” represents is written /a/).

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“Correlational studies have identified phonemic awareness and letter knowledge as the two best school-entry predictors of how well children will learn to read during their first two years of school.”

(NRP, 2000, p. 2-1)
What Is Phonemic Awareness?

Phonemic awareness is an understanding about and attention to spoken language. It refers to the ability to recognize and manipulate speech sounds.

For example, children who are phonemically aware can:

- **Segment** the word *hat* into its 3 sounds: /h/ /a/ /t/\(^1\)
- **Blend** the 3 sounds /d/ /o/ /g/ into the word *dog*
- **Delete** the last sound of *cart* to make the word *car*

(NRP, 2000; Armbruster, Lehr, & Osborn, 2001)

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\(^1\) When you see letters between / / it means the sound, not the name, of the letter.
What Is Phonics?

Phonics is knowing the relationships between printed letters and spoken sounds.

For example, children who have phonics skills can:

- tell you which letter makes the first sound in bat
- tell you which letter makes the last sound in car

(adapted from IRA’s Position Statement on PA, 1998)

How Are Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Different?

NOTES
SECTION 2: OVERVIEW
Key Learning Goals

The Participants will:

• Understand the role phonemic awareness plays in reading development.

• Learn the differences and relationships among phonological awareness, phonemic awareness and phonics.

• Learn to teach research-based strategies for developing phonemic awareness.

• Learn which phonemic awareness skills have the greatest transfer to reading.

• Create an action plan to apply key learnings from this module to their classroom practice.
Building Blocks for Teaching Children to Read

Comprehension of Written Text

Fluency Practice

Reading & Writing Connections

Vocabulary Development

Oral Language Development

Phonemic Awareness

Phonics Instruction
Critical Components of Reading

Alphabets
- Phonological Awareness
  - Words
  - Syllables
  - Rhymes
  - Onsets and Rimes
  - Phonemic Awareness
    - Sound Isolation
    - Sound Identification
    - Categorization
    - Blending
    - Segmentation
    - Deletion
    - Addition
    - Substitution
- Phonics
  - Letter Sound Correspondence
  - Decoding
  - Encoding

Fluency
- Rate
- Accuracy
- Expression

Comprehension
- Vocabulary
- Strategies for Reading
- Text Comprehension
ALPHABETIC PRINCIPLE

Phonological Awareness

1. Recognizing Word/Sentence Length
2. Rhyming
3. Syllabication
4. Segmenting Onset/Rime
5. Phonemic Awareness
  • Isolating Sounds
  • Identifying Sounds
  • Categorizing Sounds
  • Blending Sounds
  • Segmenting Sounds
  • Deleting Sounds
  • Adding Sounds
  • Substituting Sounds

Phonics

1. Letter/Sound Associations
2. Decoding
3. Encoding
SECTION 3: PRESENTATION
What Makes the English Language an Alphabetic System?

It uses

- written characters or symbols (graphemes)
- to represent sounds (phonemes) and sound patterns.

However, written English is not just a phonetic system. It is also

- an (orthographic) or spelling system
- that often reflects (meaning) rather than sound.
- It is based, in large measure, on the assumption that each speech sound or phoneme should have its own graphic representation.
How Does Phonemic Awareness Instruction Help Children Learn to Read and Spell?

- Phonemic awareness is a necessary prerequisite to children’s ability to use the alphabetic principle in learning to read, write, and spell.

- Before children learn to read print, they need to become aware of how the sounds of speech in words work, so they can make a connection between units of sound and symbols (letters).

- Phonemic awareness is the foundation for later “sounding out” (in phonics).

- Phonemic Awareness training transfers to and improves children’s reading and spelling. The effect on reading continues beyond instruction.

(IRA’s Position Statement on PA, 1998; NRP, 2000; Armbruster, Lehr & Osborn, 2001)
What Are the National Reading Panel’s Findings about Phonemic Awareness Instruction?

Phonemic Awareness instruction is most effective when:

- children are taught to manipulate phonemes with letters,
- instruction is focused on one or two Phonemic Awareness skills rather than a multi-skilled approach; specifically, segmenting and blending phonemes,
- children are taught in small groups,
- instruction is based on student needs assessments (such as segmenting syllables, identifying first sounds, segmenting words into phonemes, or deleting a phoneme to make a new word),
- single sessions last no more than 30 minutes,
- instruction makes explicit how children are to apply Phonemic Awareness skills in reading,
- sounds, letters, and letter names are over-learned so children can work with them automatically to read and spell words.
What Other Phonemic Awareness Findings Were Highlighted in the National Reading Panel Report?

- Phonemic Awareness does not constitute a complete reading program; however, it is a key component and critical foundational piece of the complex literacy process.

- Phonemic Awareness instruction helps all types of children improve their reading (preschoolers, kindergartners, normally developing readers, older struggling readers, etc.) and helps kindergartners and first graders improve their spelling.

- Phonemic awareness instruction boosts word reading and comprehension.

- Teachers need to be aware that English Language Learners (ELLs) categorize phonemes in their first language.
## Phonemic Awareness Tasks

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<td>Recognizing the word in a set of three or four words that has the &quot;odd&quot; sound</td>
<td>Teacher: Which word does not belong: <em>bus, bun, rug</em>? Children: <em>Rug</em> does not belong. It doesn't begin with /b/..</td>
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<td>Listening to a sequence of separately spoken phonemes and then combining the phonemes to form a word</td>
<td>Teacher: What is the word /b/ /i/ /g/? Children: /b/ /i/ /g/ is <em>big</em>. Teacher: Now let's write the sounds in <em>big</em>: /b/ write b; /i/ write i; /g/ write g.</td>
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<td>Breaking a word into its separate sounds and saying each sound as it is tapped out, or signaled</td>
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<td>Recognizing the word that remains when a phoneme is removed from another word</td>
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<td>Making a new word by adding a phoneme to an existing word</td>
<td>Teacher: What word do you have if you add /s/ to the beginning of <em>park</em>? Children: <em>Spark</em>.</td>
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<td>Teacher: The word is <em>bug</em>. Change /g/ to /n/. Children: <em>Bun</em>.</td>
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(Armbruster, Lehr & Osborn 2001)
What Are the Challenges for the Teacher?

The challenges are to:

- Explicitly teach the connection between Phonemic Awareness and reading
- Understand Phonemic Awareness tasks to make informed decisions when using ongoing assessments

Know when to:

- Provide more Phonemic Awareness instruction
- Change the complexity of the task
- Move on to other reading strategies
- Highlight instruction of blending and segmentation for greatest transfer to reading
- Design engaging lessons that require active participation
Checking for Understanding
Partner Review

What Have You Learned So Far?

1. Review your notes.

2. Partner 1 reviews new learnings for 90 seconds.

3. Partner 2 reviews new learnings for 45 seconds.

4. Partner 1 reviews again for 30 seconds.

5. Partner 2 finishes by reviewing for 15 seconds.

6. Write any remaining questions.

Remember: Do not repeat what your partner has already shared!
PHONEMIC AWARENESS

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Classroom Strategies and Applications
How Can We Focus on Phonological/Phonemic Awareness?

- Use language play, a variety of texts, and/or physical activities to introduce children to the similarities and differences in sounds of words to show that language has meaning, message, and form. Use:
  - nursery rhymes
  - alliteration
  - poetry
  - tongue twisters
  - patterned books
  - singing
  - dancing
  - fingerplay
  - alphabet/word games

- Use listening/whispering games to develop children's ability to attend selectively to sounds.

- Use clapping, tapping, marching, naming, and/or counting games to help children learn that words can be divided into syllables and that words can also be divided into sounds (phonemes).
### Activities for Developing Phonological/Phonemic Awareness

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Rhyming

Poems, Songs, and Books

Object: In order for children to produce rhyme, they must first be able to hear it and recognize it. Use rhythm and meter to emphasize rhyme in poems, songs, chants, and books.

To Teach:

1. Select a text (e.g., poem, song lyrics, chants) that includes rhyming and action.
2. Read the text while modeling the actions.
3. Emphasize the text’s rhythm and rhyme through voice inflections.
4. Reread the text one line at a time. Have your students repeat the line in unison and do the action.
5. Repeat the text and actions from beginning to end with your students.
6. Lead a discussion about which words rhyme.
7. Have your students apply their knowledge of rhyming. See the next page for suggestions.
Poems, Songs, and Books (continued)

SUGGESTED TECHNIQUES:

1. Whisper a line of the poem and say the rhyming word in a normal tone.

2. Say a line of the poem and have your students clap the rhyming word.

3. Say a line of the poem sitting down and then stand when you say the rhyming word.

4. When the children are familiar with the poem, stop after the rhyming words. Ask them, “What words do you hear that rhyme?”

5. Stop before the second rhyming word and ask the children to tell the word before you read it.

6. Ask your students to suggest additional words that rhyme with the first word in the rhyming pair.
Segmenting and Syllabication

Application 1: Syllables and Names (Usually done early in kindergarten year)

Object: Students learn to separate their names into syllables as a way of engaging them in hearing the parts of words.

Materials: Book, pocket chart, wooden blocks, colored squares cut from paper

To Teach:

1. Select a book that has a character with a multisyllabic name such as Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes (1991).

2. After reading it, have your students say the character’s name slowly. Then have them say it again and clap each syllable. Count the syllables as they repeat the name.

3. Say your own name and clap each syllable.

4. Have your students clap the syllables in their own names. Have the group say each child’s name and then clap as they separate the syllables. (Erica will receive 3 claps, Richard 2, etc.)

5. Have your students represent the syllables in their names with wooden blocks. Place blocks on a table as you say each syllable in your name. Then call on individual students to do the same thing.

6. Cut colored squares of paper. Students choose the same number of colored squares as they have syllables in their names.
Application 1: Syllables and Names (continued)

7. Have the children move around the room to form groups with others whose names have the same number of syllables. The group can say each name and count the syllables.

(adapted from Yopp & Yopp, Supporting Phonemic Awareness Development in the Classroom, 2000)
Segmenting and Syllabication

**Application 2: Teacher, May We?**

**Object:** To reinforce the children's ability to analyze and break words into syllables by responding to your directions.

**To Teach:**

1. As in the game Mother, May I? Have your students' line up some distance away from you.

2. Give directions that require children to count the number of syllables in a word. For example, “You may jump the number of times as there are syllables in the word bunny.”

3. Students respond, “Teacher, may we?”

4. After your affirmative response, the children say, “Bun - ny,” and move two jumps forward.

5. Provide words with different numbers of syllables. (e.g., yes, another, call, children, anyone, armadillo, motorcycle); and, vary the types of movement the students may make (e.g., take small steps, then giant steps, skip, slide).

(adapted from Yopp & Yopp, Supporting Phonemic Awareness Development in the Classroom, 2000)
Phoneme Isolation

| Phoneme isolation | Recognizing individual sounds in a word. | Teacher: What is the first sound in van?  
Children: /v/ |

**Application 1: Guess What? or Guess Who?**

**Object:** In this game, the students will be able to isolate the initial or final sound in a word. This is an introductory phonemic awareness task that helps teach children to recognize that phonemes are the spoken sounds in words.

**To Teach:**

1. With all of the children in a circle choose the name of one of the students and distinctly enunciate its initial phoneme only. For names beginning with a stop consonant such as David, the phoneme should be repeated over and over, clearly and distinctly: “/d/ /d/ /d/ /d/ /d/.” Continuant consonants should be stretched as well as repeated “/s-s-s-s/ /s-s-s-s/ /s-s-s-s/ /s-s-s-s/.”

2. If more than one child’s name has the same initial sound, encourage the children to identify all of the possibilities. This introduces the point that every phoneme shows up in lots of different words.
Application 1:  Guess What? or Guess Who? (cont.)

Variation:

- Play the Guess Who game, enunciating the final sound of a name.
- Have a student take over the game and be the leader.
- Play this same game with items in a bag, box, or suitcase to which the teacher give clues after saying the initial sound until students have guessed the name of the item.

(adapted from Adams et. al., Phonemic Awareness in Young Children, 1998)
Phoneme Isolation and Identification

Application 2: Scavenger Hunt

Object: The object of this game is to have students compare the initial sound of a word from a picture with another object of the same sound found in the classroom.

To Teach:

1. Choose a picture and put it in a container or plastic bag. Have enough pictures to distribute to your students, who are in groups of 2 or 3. For example, in a classroom of 24 students, choose 8 or 12 pictures.
2. Take each picture out and discuss what the picture is. Take care to enunciate clearly and emphasize the target phoneme. If you are targeting initial sounds and the picture is a drum, ask your students, “What is the first sound in drum?” or “What sound do you hear at the beginning of drum?”
3. If this is a review lesson, each picture may be targeting a different sound. If this is an initial lesson, the target sound should be the same in each picture.
4. Organize your students into teams of two or three. Give them each a bag with a picture you discussed in it.
5. Explain that the team’s task is to find other things in the classroom with the same target sound (phoneme identification).
6. Children walk around the room, collecting objects with the same target sound and putting them in the container or bag.
7. Bring the class back together and have each team share their objects.

Variation: Put the letter of your target sound in the bag with, or instead of, the picture. Introducing the letter adds a phonics component.

(adapted from Yopp & Yopp, Supporting Phonemic Awareness Development in the Classroom, 2000)
Phoneme Identification

| Phoneme identification | Recognizing the same sounds in different words. | Teacher: What sound is the same in fix, fall, and fun? Children: The first sound, /f/, is the same. |

Different Words

Object: The object of this game is to have students compare and recognize the same sound in different words.

To Teach:

1. Gather your students in a circle.
2. Choose a set of pictures that share the same phoneme in the initial, final, or medial position.
3. Have the children identify the name of each object depicted.
4. Say the name of each picture slowly and as many times as necessary, emphasizing the target phoneme.
5. Have one child choose a picture and name it. Repeat that step with another child.
6. Ask, “Do these two words end in the same sound?”
7. Ask, “Which sound?”
8. Say, “Yes, both words end in the same sound //.”

Option for Phoneme Categorization (Oddity) Activity:

Complete the steps listed above and continue below.

1. Have another child choose the last (odd) picture and name it.
2. Repeat the questions. “Does this word end in the same sound?”
3. “No, this word ends with the sound //.”

(adapted from Adams et. al., Phonemic Awareness in Young Children, 1998)
Phoneme Categorization (Oddity)

| Phoneme categorization | Recognizing the word in a set of three or four words that has the “odd” sound. | Teacher: Which word does not belong bus, bun, rug? Children: Rug does not belong. It doesn’t begin with /b/. |

Picture Sort

To Teach:

1. Gather your students in a circle.

2. Choose a set of pictures that share the same sound (either initial, final, or medial). Add one picture that does not have the same target sound as the others.

3. Name each picture and have the students repeat the words.

4. Ask, “Which one of these words has a different sound than the others?“

5. Have students repeat the words after answering.

6. Have the students sort the pictures in two piles: same sound and different sound.

(adapted from Bear et. al., Words Their Way, 1999)
Phoneme Blending

Phoneme blending | Listening to a sequence of separately spoken phonemes and combining the phonemes to form a word. | Teacher: What word is /b/ /i/ /g/?  
Children: /b/ /i/ /g/ is big.

Application 1: Blending

Object: The object of this game is to have students see, feel, and hear the sounds in a word, recognize the order of the sounds, and blend the sounds together to make a word.

To Teach:

1. Start by telling your students, “Today we are going to see, feel, and hear the sounds in a word.”
2. The teacher models first. Choose either your arm, leg, or hand as your “word blender.”
3. When initially demonstrating this to students, start with two phoneme words (e.g., at, it, to). The teacher holds her left arm at shoulder height as the “word blender.” She begins by touching her shoulder while saying the initial sound /a/. She continues drawing her hand slowly across her arm until she reaches her wrist and says the ending sound /t/. This is repeated at a quicker pace until the word is said, “at.” While demonstrating the blending to your students, be sure you are moving your hand from their left to their right (as you are facing your students, your “left” is the end of the word).
4. Students follow the teacher and slide their hands along their own “word blenders” from the shoulder to the wrist.
5. Correct for left to right movement as they blend.
6. Repeat as needed, working up to three and four phoneme words. Be sure you divide your word into as many parts as there are phonemes in your word.

Variations: Different surfaces can be used as a “word blender.” Some examples are sandpaper, a desktop, a ruler, or a sandbox.
Phoneme Blending

Application 2: Blending with Blocks

**Object:** Practice phoneme blending by manipulating blocks.

**To Teach:**

1. Give each student three manipulatives - blocks, Unifix cubes, or any manipulatives that are the same size, but colored differently. (Avoid using round objects or other “distracters.”)

2. The teacher starts with two blocks and tells the students that each block represents a sound. The teacher moves one block forward and says /u/. The teacher touches another block and says /p/. Blocks are then put together slowly (stretching out the /u/) and when the blocks connect, the /p/ is pronounced. Students can hear and see that when /u/ is connected to /p/, the word is “up.”

3. Students should practice with the teacher many times before being expected to do this on their own.

4. Correct for left to right placement of blocks.

5. When students are proficient with two sound words, work with three sound words. Use the same procedure for saying the sound when the block is touched, putting the sounds together, and then pronouncing the whole word.

6. The level of difficulty may be increased by using more sounds and blocks and by switching from plain blocks to letter tiles.

**Note:** When the teacher is demonstrating and practicing with the students, she needs to make sure she puts the block for the first sound of the word on her right (the students’ left as they are facing her). The teacher’s left side is the end of the word for the students.
Phoneme Segmentation

| Phoneme Segmentation | Breaking a word into its separate sounds and saying each sound as it is tapped out, counted, or signaled. | Teacher: How many sounds are in grab? Children: /g/ /r/ /a/ /b/. Four sounds. |

**Application 2: Puppet Play**

**Object:** The teacher uses a puppet to model segmentation, and the students “communicate” with the puppet by practicing the segmentation of words.

**To Teach:** Choose a puppet, small stuffed animal, or animal toy.

1. Explain to your students that Teddy (or whatever name you choose for your puppet) has a funny way of talking. If he wants to say, “bat,” he says it like this: /b/ /a/ /t/. Model several examples for the students.
2. Today we’re going to try to learn to talk like Teddy, so he (or she) knows what we are saying.
3. Give your students a word and help them “talk like Teddy” by separating the word into phonemes. Practice segmenting together before expecting students to segment individually.
4. As students are saying the phonemes, they may also clap, tap, or indicate with fingers the number of phonemes. The puppet could also be making one step or hop as each phoneme is pronounced. (Remember: As you are facing your students, the puppet should move from your right to your left; your left is the end of the word for the students.)
Phoneme Segmentation

Application 2: The Splits (with blocks)

Object: Practice phoneme segmentation by manipulating blocks.

To Teach:

1. Give each student three manipulatives – blocks, Unifix cubes, or any manipulatives that are the same size, but colored differently. (Avoid using round objects or other “distracters.”)
2. Show the students two blocks that are adjacent to each other and tell them that these blocks represent the word “mow.” Students say, “mow.”
3. Point to the first block (the one on your right, the students’ left) and say /m/. Point to the other block and say /o/. Explain to the students that each block stands for one sound and that we can split the blocks apart and identify each sound by itself. Separate the blocks just a little, and say /m/ pause /o/. Separate the two blocks even further, and say the sounds with a longer pause in between.
4. Students should practice with the teacher many times before being expected to do this on their own.
5. When students are proficient with two sound words, add a third sound (third block). Use the same procedure for saying the sounds when the blocks are touched and separating the sounds.
6. The level of difficulty may be increased by using more sounds and blocks.

NOTE: After the students understand phoneme segmenting, and know some letter names, replace plain blocks with letter tiles.
Phoneme Deletion

| Phoneme deletion | Recognizing the word that remains when a phoneme is removed from another word. | Teacher: What is *smile* without the */s/*?  
Children: *Smile* without the */s/* is *mile.* |


**Object:** To hear and say new words when a sound is taken away.

**To Teach:**

1. Start by telling your students, “Today we are going to play a “take-away” game; but instead of using numbers like in math, we’re going to take away sounds. When I say, ‘What’s my word?’ you’ll say the new word.”
2. The teacher selects word pairs that will be used. It is usually wise to start with three phoneme words.
3. The teacher demonstrates by saying the word, “cat.”
4. The students repeat the word, “cat.”
5. The teacher next says, “Take away the */c/* sound. What’s my word?”
6. Students respond with “at.”
7. The teacher and students repeat words and/or sounds as needed.
8. Play continues with the teacher giving new words.

**Variations:**

1. The teacher may vary this game by saying the word “cat” and then saying the word “at” and asking what sound was taken away. Students respond /c/.
2. Deleting sounds in the end of words is also a variation of the game.
   
   Teacher say “moon” and then “moo,” what sound was taken away? /n/
   
   Teacher says “letter” and then “let.”
   
   Teacher says “user” and then “use.”
   
   Teacher says “books” and then “book.”

3. Nonsense words can also be used, but remember they are more difficult.

**Note:** When forming your word pairs for What’s My Word? Avoid using phonemes that are digraphs such as th, wh, or sh and diphthongs such as oo or oi.
Phoneme Deletion

Application 2: Good-Bye, Block

Object: Practice phoneme deletion by manipulating blocks.

To Teach:
1. Give each student three - blocks, unifix cubes, or any manipulatives that are the same size.
2. Show the students three blocks that are adjacent to each other and tell them that these blocks represent the sound in the word “meat.” Students say, “Meat.”
3. Point to the first block (the one on your right, the students’ left) and say /m/. Point to the next block and say /e/. Point to the last block and say /t/. Explain to the students that each block stands for one sound.
4. Now separate the first block from the others (leave the second two blocks connected), and show the students that you are looking at and hearing /m/ pause /et/. Remove the /m/ block completely, “Good-bye /m/” and show them that the remaining word is “eat.”
5. Students should practice with the teacher many times before being expected to do this on their own.
6. The level of difficulty may be increased by using more sounds and blocks.

Note: After the students understand phoneme deletion, and know some letter names, replace the plain blocks with letter tiles.
Phoneme Addition

| Phoneme addition | Making a new word by adding a phoneme to an existing word. | Teacher: What word do you have if you add /s/ to the beginning of park? Children: Spark. |


Object: To hear and say new words when a sound is added.

To Teach:

1. Start by telling your students, “Today we are going to add a sound to a word, just like we add in math. When I say, ‘What’s my word?’ you’ll say the new word.”
2. Select a word pair. Start with two-phoneme words (e.g., it-hit, at-bat, up-pup).
3. Demonstrate by saying, for example the word, “at.”
4. The students repeat the word, “at.”
5. Next you say, “Add the /c/ sound to the beginning. What’s my word?”
7. You and students repeat words and/or sounds as needed.
8. Play continues as you give new word pairs.

Variations:

1. You may vary this game by saying the word “at” and then saying the word “cat” and asking what sound was added.
2. Adding sounds in the middle and at the end of words is also a variation of this game.
3. Nonsense words can also be used, but remember they may be more difficult.
Phoneme Addition

Application 2: Hello, Block

Object: Practice phoneme addition by manipulating blocks.

To Teach:

1. Give each student three manipulatives - blocks, Unifix cubes, or any manipulatives that are the same size, but colored differently. (Avoid using round objects or other “distracters.”)

2. Point to the first block (the one on your right, the students’ left) and say /i/. Point to the other block and say /n/. Explain to the students that each block stands for one sound. Show the students two blocks that are adjacent to each other and tell them that these blocks represent the word “in.” Students say, “In.”

3. Show the students that new words can be made be introducing a new block. Hold a third block and call it /p/. When you add the /p/ block to the /in/ block say “Hello, /p/” tell the students that the new word is “pin.”

4. Students should practice with you many times before being expected to do this individually.

5. The level of difficulty may be increased by using more phonemes and blocks.

NOTE: After the students understand phoneme segmenting, and know some letter names, replace plain blocks with letter tiles.
Phoneme Substitution

| Phoneme substitution | Substituting one phoneme for another to make a new word. | Teacher: The word is bug. Change /g/ to /n/. What's the new word? Children: Bun. |

**Application 1: Silly Sound Switch**

**Object:** To take familiar phrases from books or nursery rhymes and substitute sounds to make a silly phrase.

**To Teach:**

1. Start by telling your students, “Today we are going to take a phrase from a song (or nursery rhyme) and make a silly sound switch.
2. Pre-select the phrase that will be used. Think of a phrase that is repeated or is memorable.
3. Demonstrate by saying for example, “Row, row, row, your boat, gently down the stream.”
4. The students repeat the phrase.
5. The teacher next says, “Let’s switch a new sound for the /b/ in boat. Let’s try /g/. What’s the new phrase?”
6. Students respond, “Row, row, row, your goat, gently down the stream.”
7. Play continues as you and the students give new sounds for the identified word and say the phrase with the silly switch.
Application 1: Silly Sound Switch (continued)

Variations:

1. You may vary this game by switching the sound for several identified words instead of just one. For example: /m/ - “Mow, mow, mow, your boat, gently down the stream.” /sh/ - “Show, show, show, your boat, gently down the stream.”

2. Switch sounds at the end of identified word/words.

3. Another variation is to turn the identified word/words into nonsense words. Remember they are more difficult.

Note: The teacher should identify and try switching sounds in the phrase first before playing the game with students to avoid any objectionable words.
Phoneme Substitution

**Application 2: Trading Places**

**Object:** Practice phoneme substitution by manipulating blocks.

**To Teach:**

1. Give each student three manipulatives - blocks, Unifix cubes, or any manipulatives that are the same size, but colored differently. (Avoid using round objects or other "distracters.")

2. Put three blocks together and tell the students that these blocks represent the word "tack." Students say, "tack."

3. Explain to the students that each block stands for one sound. Point to the first block (the one on your right, the students' left) and say /t/. Point to the middle block and say /a/. Point to the final block and say /k/.

4. Show the students that you can substitute or "trade places" with some of the blocks. Hold a block in your hand and call it /s/. Model the process of removing the /t/ from the beginning of the blocks and replacing it with /s/. Now the word is "sack."

5. Students should practice with the teacher many times before being expected to do this individually.

6. After students have worked on initial sounds, other lessons may move on to "Trading Places" with final sounds.

7. Medial sounds (e.g., changing "cup" to "cap") can also be practiced.

**Note:** After the students understand phoneme manipulation, the natural progression for integrating phonemes and phonics is to replace the plain blocks with alphabet tiles.
Subsection 2
Jigsaw Teaching
Jigsaw Teaching: Small Group Practice

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Subsection 3
Assessment
ASSESSMENT TOOL #1
Yopp-Singer Test of Phoneme Segmentation

Description: The Yopp-Singer Test of Phoneme Segmentation is a list of 22 common words. Students are given the words and asked to break each word apart (segmentation). This test is administered individually and takes about five to ten minutes per student. This test was originally designed for English speaking kindergartners; however, it has also proven useful with first grade students and older individuals. (Note: Data have not been established regarding the use of this tool with English Language Learners because of the following variables: the potential difficulty with task directions and word familiarity, and some speech sounds that exist in English may not be meaningful, or even exist in the student's language.)

Using the results: Since a relationship has been established between phonemic awareness, success in reading, and spelling acquisition, Yopp and Singer's assessment is especially helpful in early identification of areas where further instruction is needed. All or mostly correct responses indicate phonemic awareness, some correct responses suggest emerging awareness, and only a few correct responses suggest intervention is necessary. The teacher should observe and make notes on the list of test items; these will be helpful when planning instruction.

Note: Since the actual phonemes are not designated on the attached assessment, it is important to make sure the person administering the assessment knows exactly how many phonemes are in each word and the sound of each phoneme.

Yopp-Singer Test of Phoneme Segmentation

Name ____________________  Date ____________ Score (# correct) ______

Directions: Today we’re going to play a word game. I’m going to say a word and I want you to break the word apart. You are going to tell me each sound of the word in order. For example, if I say “old,” you should say /o/-/l/-/d/. Let’s try a few together.

Practice items: (Assist in segmenting if necessary). Ride, go, man

Test items: (Circle those items that the student correctly segments; incorrect responses may be recorded on the blank line following the item.)

1. dog ___________________ 12. lay____________________
2. keep___________________ 13. race___________________
3. fine____________________ 14. zoo___________________
4. no_____________________ 15. three_________________
5. she____________________ 16. job____________________
6. wave___________________ 17. in_____________________
7. grew___________________ 18. ice____________________
8. that____________________ 19. at____________________
9. red_____________________ 20. top____________________
10. me____________________ 21. by_____________________  
11. sat___________________ 22. do_____________________

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Assessment Tool #2
Kirwan Assessment

**Description:** The Kirwan Assessment measures the following skills: onset and rime blending, phoneme blending, phoneme isolation, phoneme segmentation, and letter/sound correspondence. The assessment is administered individually. Passing scores are listed on each subtest. Once a student fails a subtest, no more sections are administered at that time. Students who do not pass every section are taught phonemic awareness and reassessed as the year progresses.

**Using the results:** Results may used to: inform instruction, identify small groups within the classroom that need to receive additional intervention, and to help determine pacing of instruction. (The author has found that students with more phonemic awareness on this assessment move more quickly through beginning reading tasks).

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Kirwan Assessment

Name____________________                    Date__________

A.  Oral Blending of Onset-Rime

Directions: Ask the student to try to identify the word you are saying. Example: "/m/.../om/, what word did I say?" Other practice examples: /b/.../at/ (bat), /s/.../it/ (sit).

1. s...eem ___________                6. r...ide ______________
2. th...en ____________                7. n...ot ______________
3. l...and _____________                8. m...ake ______________
4. d...ark _____________                9. sh...ack ______________
5. m...oose ________                   10. w...ish ______________

Scoring: 9 or more is a pass.  Score___/10

B.  Oral Blending of Phonemes

Directions: Ask the student to try to guess the word you are saying. Example: "/d/.../a/.../d/ (dad), what word did I say?" Other practice examples: /b/.../e/.../t/ (beet), /w/.../ä/.../l/ (wall).

1. th...e _______________                6. r...o...d __________
2. b...a...ck ____________                7. j...e...t ____________
3. w...i...n ______________               8. b...o...ne ___________
4. t...r...ee _________________               9. a...sh _______________
5. f...oo...l _______________               10. d...r...aw ___________

Scoring: 9 or more is a pass.  Score___/10

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Kirwan Assessment (continued)

Name _______________________                Date__________

C. Identifying Initial Consonant
Directions: Ask the child to tell you what sound he/she hears at the beginning of the word. Example: "/C/ is the sound I hear at the beginning of car." What sound do you hear at the beginning of dog? /d/. Other practice examples: ran /r/, see /s/, Tim /t/.

1. meet ______                                5. hear ______
2. sand _____                                  6. it _________
3. leg _______                                 7. bike ______
4. pant ______                                 8. win ______

Scoring: 7 or more is a pass. Score___/8

D. Identifying Final Consonant
Directions: Ask the child to tell you what sound he/she hears at the end of the word. Example: "/t/ is the sound at the end of hat." "Tell me the sound that you hear at the end of park?" /k/. Other practice examples: bag /g/, leap /p/.

1. clam _____                                5. sky_______
2. base ____                                  6. sniff ____
3. free ______                                7. pay ______
4. gone ____                                   8. nest ____

Scoring: 7 or more is a pass. Score ___/8

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Kirwan Assessment (continued)

Name _______________________                Date__________

E. Phoneme Segmentation

Directions: Ask the student to see if he/she can break a word apart. Example: “The word is man. Listen to me break the word apart. /m/../a/../n/.” Other practice examples: /n/.../o/ no, /t/.../i/.../p/ tip, /s/.../e/ see.

1. add _____                 6. play _____
2. get _____                 7. it _____
3. ripe _____               8. sun _____
4. he _____   9. do _____
5. not _____                 10. cry _____

Scoring: 9 or more is a pass. Score ___/10

F. Linking Letters to Sounds

Directions: From the choice of three letters, ask the student to point to the letter that represents the beginning sound of the word given. Example: “Point to the letter that says the sound you hear at the beginning of the word “sat”. s,p,m, (s). Other practice examples: tan s,m,t, (t), deck l,d,r, (d).

1. laugh l, s, i ____ 5. mutter u, h, m ____
2. frog n, t, f ____ 6. cloud a, c, n _____
3. water d, w, e ____ 7. gather p, i, g, _____
4. otter o, b, j ____ 8. answer o, a, k _____

Scoring: 7 or more is a pass. Score___/8

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Subsection 4
CD/Video Modeling
Contexts for CD/Video Viewing

**CD/Video Viewing**

**Context #1:** Phonemic Awareness - Kessler Elementary School, Longview School District, Kindergarten and 1st Grade

*Focus:* Phonemic Awareness training with small groups of students.

**Context #2:** Oral Language Development - Marti MacPhee, T.T. Minor Elementary School, Seattle School District, 4-5 year olds

*Focus:* Clapping, rhyming, fingerplay, singing, listening games, oral language development in centers
**CD/Video Modeling Observation Chart**

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Subsection 5
Action Planning
Action Planning: How Can I Put My New Learnings into Practice?

1. **Review:** Look over the notes you made during the Think-Ink-Pair-Share activities completed at the beginning of this session.

2. **Revise:** What additions or revisions can you make to your notes?

3. **Plan:** What are my next steps to incorporate phonemic awareness purposefully into my lesson plans tomorrow?

   How will those plans meet the instructional needs of my students?

Using the form on the next page, construct an action plan that will help you address the instructional needs of your students.
## Constructing an Action Plan to Meet the Instructional Needs of Students

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PHONEMIC AWARENESS

SECTION 5: SUMMARY
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Revisiting Terminology Knowledge Rating Chart

Revisit the Terminology Knowledge Rating Chart that you completed at the beginning of the session to compare your knowledge of the language of phonological and phonemic awareness.

Terminology Knowledge Rating Chart

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Evaluation and Feedback

1. What did you find most useful about this session?

2. What did you find least useful?

3. What additional information, materials, or resources would be useful?
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SECTION 6: HELPFUL RESOURCES
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• Video Modeling Checklist

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### CD/VIDEO MODELING CHECKLIST

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<td>1. Communicates a warm interest in and respect for the students.</td>
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<td><strong>MANAGEMENT</strong></td>
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<td>1. States objectives, expectations, and routines.</td>
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<td>2. Paces instruction to keep the class involved.</td>
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<td>3. Uses a variety of grouping strategies to increase student engagement and interaction.</td>
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<td>4. Models the designed behaviors and provides think-alouds.</td>
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<td>5. Asks open-ended questions and provides adequate wait time for thinking.</td>
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<td>2. Makes connections between new strategies/information and what students already know.</td>
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Checklist for Evaluating Instructional Materials

Use the checklist below to guide your decision-making processes when considering which instructional materials will best meet the needs of students.

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<td>2. Is the information and approach research-based?</td>
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<td>3. Is the focus aligned with the scope and sequence of your school/district’s reading program?</td>
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<td>2. Are the materials student and teacher-friendly and clearly presented?</td>
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<td>5. Do the lessons include a variety of engaging student activities?</td>
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Sample Lesson Plan for Video

Grade: Pre-K Marti MacPhee

Lesson #1: Whole Group/"Morning Meeting" 15 minutes

ACTIVATE AND ASSESS PRIOR KNOWLEDGE:

- This is a part of our daily routine. It is a place where language (oral and written) happens informally around a deliberate routine of daily messages.
- We will use language - speaking, reading, writing, listening, viewing and thinking - in association with recording the information that we need to know for the day.

CONNECT CURRICULUM CONCEPTS AND CONTEXTS OF LEARNING

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<td>Emergent Reading, Writing, Math, and Communication</td>
<td>Interactive (teacher, children) - Whole class</td>
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<td>Vocabulary Development (i.e., the name of the day, the name of the month, letter, word)</td>
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Sample Lesson Plan (Continued)

TARGETED GOALS, OBJECTIVES, STANDARDS

Emergent Reading (1.1) Uses word recognition and word meaning skills to read and comprehend text. The Pre-K student:

- Is aware of print in the environment.
- Is aware that print conveys meaning.
- Is beginning to recognize and name some letters.
- Is beginning to know direction of print (left to right, top to bottom).
- Uses patterns of language to predict words or phrases.
- Demonstrates some knowledge of letter-sound relationships (particularly, in the initial position).

Communication: The Pre-K student:

- Focuses attention for short periods of time (appropriate to age) and understands why this is important (1.1 Focuses attention).
- Observes carefully and understands visual information; follows simple oral directions (1.2 Listens and observes to gain and interpret information)
- Communicates to teachers, small group and class; knows when it is appropriate to speak (2.1 Communicates clearly to a range of audiences for differences purposes)
- Expresses own ideas in group discussions and conversation (3.2 Works cooperatively as a member of a group).
### Sample Lesson Plan (Continued)

#### INSTRUCTIONAL DECISIONS

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<td>Focus students to teacher and board by using “Bacon and Sausages” clapping chant.</td>
<td>Oral and Kinesthetic (chant with clapping, 1:1 correspondence with hands when counting)</td>
<td>Wipe-off board</td>
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<td>“Messages of the Day.” Read the board. “Calendar”/Model writing: Today is ______. We go to ______, etc.</td>
<td>Auditory: listening for name, counting, answering questions</td>
<td>Wipe-off markers</td>
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<td>Attendance: Call names from cards. Students listen and say “Here.” Make a pile of “Here” and “Not here” (attendance monitor).</td>
<td>Manipulating sound (i.e., big/small sound, deleting words (CLOZE procedure)</td>
<td>Teacher-made “calendar”</td>
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<td>Role Call: Students tell who is NOT here while teacher writes names on board. Clap the names. Questions: Who is not here? What do you notice</td>
<td>Units of sounds: initial position of letters/sounds, blending, syllables, i.e., Thursday, Gym, Kaela, clapping names, etc. Also, every day, the name of the day has day in it!!</td>
<td>Photographs of staff</td>
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<td>Whisper game (transition)</td>
<td>Pointer</td>
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OUTCOMES (ASSESSMENTS OF PERFORMANCES, PROCESSES, PRODUCTS)

- Teacher observation of participation by individual children within a large group: clapping patterns, following directions, counting, giving information to direct questions.

- Teacher observation of students’ transference of this information to other areas (i.e., student says, “Thank you” starts like “Thursday”. Kamari says, “Hey, my name starts (sounds) like Kayla’s. They both start with K." “Brea has a short name, Diajanique has a long name.”

NEXT STEPS (What will we do based on what we learned/did today?)

- After “Morning Meeting”, we transition to Small Group where we will explore the Big Book Annabel. This next activity will include singing, clapping and guided reading.

- Repeat routine the next day with new information. Children will begin to help “write” the messages on the board during “Messages of the Day” and also during self-selected work time (Plan-Do-Review).
Sample Lesson Plan (Continued)

Grade: Pre-K

Lesson #2: Small Group – Reading 15 minutes (approximately)

ACTIVATE AND ASSESS PRIOR KNOWLEDGE:
- We have read this book before. It is a “singing book.”
- The children voted to name our hamster after the girl in the story, Annabel. They remain very interested in this story/song.
- The teacher will ask some questions about what happens in the book prior to re-reading.

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<td>Interactive (teacher, children) - small group (8 – 10 children) seated at a table reading a Big Book.</td>
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Emergent Reading (1.3: Reads fluently, adjusting) The pre-K student:

- Reads at emergent reader stage.
- Participates in group reading (shared, guided, buddy)
- Emergent Reading (1.4: Understands elements of literature) The Pre-K student...
- Identifies book parts and text features: cover, title page

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OUTCOMES (ASSESSMENTS OF PERFORMANCES, PROCESSES, PRODUCTS)

- Teacher observation of participation of individual children in a group of children
- Teacher observation of students’ transference of this information to other areas (i.e., student says, "Apple starts/sounds like Annabel and Abdullah. They both begin with A." or "Brea sounds like bel, bel, bel. Bel only has one clap like Brea."

NEXT STEPS (What will we do based on what we learned/did today?)

- Repeat this activity in whole group on another day.
- Clap and add students’ names to ABC word wall.
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<td><strong>Word</strong></td>
<td>A speech sound or series of sounds that communicates a meaning.</td>
<td>animal, ball, little, heart</td>
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<td><strong>Syllable</strong></td>
<td>A word part that contains a vowel or, in spoken language, a vowel sound.</td>
<td>e-vent, news-pa-per, ver-y</td>
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<td>“I can clap the parts of my name: An – drew.”</td>
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<td><strong>Rhyme</strong></td>
<td>The identical, or very similar, final sounds in words.</td>
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<td>Pat the cat.</td>
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<td>The sun is fun.</td>
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<td><strong>Onset and Rime</strong></td>
<td>Units of spoken language that are smaller than syllables but larger than phonemes. An onset is the initial consonant(s) sound of a syllable. A rime is the part of a syllable that contains the vowel and all that follows it.</td>
<td>Onset of bag – b Rime of bag – ag Onset of swim – sw Rime of swim – im</td>
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| **Phoneme Isolation** | Recognizing individual sounds in a word.                                    | **Teacher:** What is the first sound in *van*?  
**Children:** /v/                                 |
| **Phoneme Identification** | Recognizing the same sounds in different words.                          | **Teacher:** What sound is the same in *fix*, *fall*, and *fun*?  
**Children:** The first sound, /f/, is the same. |
| **Phoneme Categorization** | Recognizing the word in a set of three or four words that has the “odd” sound. | **Teacher:** Which word does not belong: *bus*, *bun*, *rug*?  
**Children:** *Rug* does not belong. It doesn’t begin with /b/. |
| **Phoneme Blending** | Listening to a sequence of separately spoken phonemes and combining the phonemes to form a word. | **Teacher:** What is the word /b/ /i/ /g/?  
**Children:** /b/ /i/ /g/ is big. |
| **Phoneme Segmentation** | Breaking a word into its separate sounds and saying each sound as it is tapped out, counted, or signaled. | **Teacher:** How many sounds are in *grab*? What are the sounds?  
**Children:** Four Sounds - /g/ /r/ /a/ /b/. |
| **Phoneme Deletion** | Recognizing the word that remains when a phoneme is removed from another word. | **Teacher:** What is *smile* without the /s/?  
**Children:** *Smile* without the /s/ is *mile*. |
| **Phoneme Addition** | Making a new word by adding a phoneme to an existing word.                 | **Teacher:** What word do you have if you add /s/ to the beginning of *park*?  
**Children:** *Spark*. |
| **Phoneme Substitution** | Substituting one phoneme for another to make a new word.                   | **Teacher:** The word is *bug*. Change /g/ to /n/.  
**Children:** *Bun*. |
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<td>Letter-Sound Relationship</td>
<td>Refers to how a letter is pronounced.</td>
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<td>Sound Spelling</td>
<td>Refers to the spelling of various sounds.</td>
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