

WORKING WITH WORDS

Activities and Resources from Flagler Parent Academy Series
by *The James Patterson Literacy Challenge*

SOUNDS IN WORDS



- Students need to be aware that words can be broken down into parts, such as, syllables, and individual sounds.
- Being able to manipulate sounds lays the foundation for skilled reading.

COUNTING WORDS

1. Say a sentence (adult or child)
2. Repeat the sentence together
3. Count the words in the sentence

Example: I see a dog. (4 words)



JUNK BOX ROCK

1. Make a junk box
2. Pick an item from the junk box
3. Name the item
4. Count the syllables in the name

Example: hanger

(2 syllables hang-er)

FIRST SOUND FIRST



1. Choose a word
2. Ask your child: "What is the first sound you hear in this word?"

Examples:

The first sound in bird is /b/

The first sound in chip is /ch/

The first sound in window is /w/

RHYME DETECTIVE

1. Give your child two words
2. Ask your child: "Do these words rhyme?"
3. Bonus: Have your child think of a new rhyming word

Examples:

Do sat and mat rhyme? (yes)

Do sat and sun rhyme? (no)



LETTER NAMES AND SOUNDS



- Letter-name knowledge -> What letter is this?
- Letter-shape recognition -> Point to the letter "a".
- Letter-sound knowledge -> What sound does this letter make?
- Ability to print letters -> Write the letter "a".
- Rapid letter naming -> Name these letters as quickly as you can.

ALPHABET HUNT



1. Write letters on sticky notes
2. Hide the sticky notes around the house
3. Have your child hunt for the letters
4. When they find a letter, have them say the name and sound
5. *Bonus: Help children put the sticky notes in ABC order*

ALPHABET MYSTERY BAG

1. Write letters on pieces of paper and place them in a bag
2. Let your child reach into the bag and take out a letter
3. Have them say the name of the letter and sound the letter makes



FLASHCARDS



- Write letters on cards
- Hold up the cards one at a time and have your children say the name and sound of each letter

Example: The letter Dd says /d/ like in the word “dog.”

I SPY A SOUND GAME



- I SPY game can be played in any location (house, car, restaurants, etc.)!

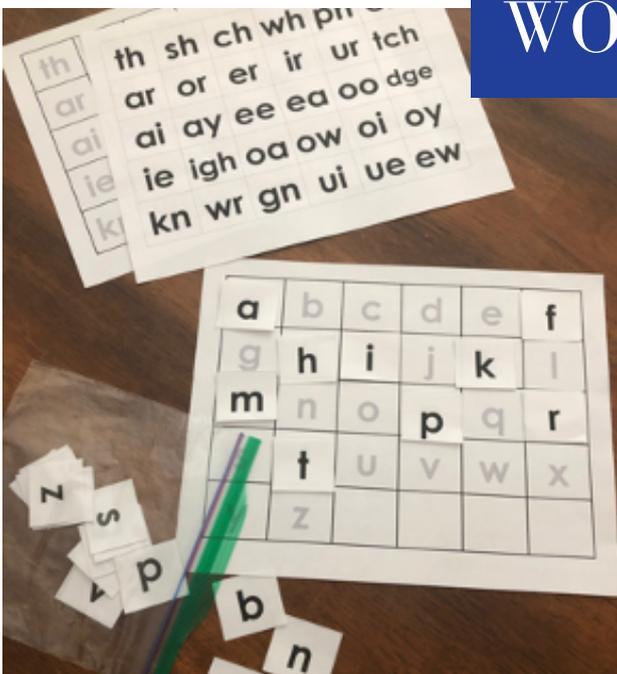
Example: I SPY something that starts with the /s/ sound... What is it?

BUILDING WORDS

- Using magnetic letters or letter tiles can help make abstract concepts about the alphabet more concrete. It also helps reinforce letter sound knowledge
- You can get words to build from anywhere. The books your child reads are great resources.
- Make sure the words you chose are “decodable” meaning the letters in the word easily correlate to sounds.



WORD WORK RESOURCES



- Letter tiles are a great resource to support your child building words. You can download some from our hub. [**CLICK HERE**](#) to download.
- We also have instructional word work videos. Find those videos [**HERE**](#). Scroll down to find [*Reading with Ricke*](#), [*Reading with Ms. Colleen*](#), and [*Rasheeda the Reader*](#) YouTube Channel Links.