

## Blending Phonemes Activities

Robot Talk As the robot leader, say this rhyme in a robot voice and have the child respond: "I am a robot. Can you help me? Can you tell me what I see? I see a /c/ /a/ /p/." Encourage the child to repeat the rhyme in "robot talk" and then blend the word to answer the robot's question. Continue with another object.

Secret Code Turn an illustrated word face down and name it in phonemes, e.g., /h//a//t/. When the child blends the phonemes and guesses the word, show the picture. This game also works well with riddles, which don't require pictures. For example, say, "I'm thinking of the animal Bo Peep lost. It's a /sh/ /ee/ /p/."

Sound Blending Using Songs The following activity is to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands."

If you think you know this word, shout it out!

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If you think you know this word,

Then tell me what you've heard,

If you think you know this word, shout it out!

After singing, say a segmented word such as /k/ /a/ /t/ and have the child provide the blended word "cat."

Old MacDonald Explain that you will sing a verse of "Old MacDonald," but you will say an animal name in a special way. Have the child guess what animal name you are saying by blending the separate sounds together. For example, you will sing, "Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O. And on that farm he had a /d/ /u/ /k/." The child guesses what animal you are sounding out. Some of the animal names can be silly – animals you wouldn't ever find on the farm, such as seal, lion, bear, etc.! This is a fun opportunity to laugh.

Blend Baseball Get the whole family/neighborhood involved! Divide the family into two teams. As the "pitcher," you say aloud a word in parts, such as /s/ /a/ /t/. If the child who is "at bat" can successfully blend the word, he or she goes to first base. Proceed just as in baseball, with each team earning a point when a child makes it to home plate (adapt as needed to fit number of "players").

Interactive Websites

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/blending.html>

<http://www.tvokids.com/games/letterella>

[http://www.professorgarfield.org/Phonemics/pig\\_waller/pig\\_waller.html](http://www.professorgarfield.org/Phonemics/pig_waller/pig_waller.html)

Books for Teaching Final Phonemes

*I'm Number One* By Michael Rosen

*Snow Music* By Lynne Rae Perkins