

PARENT CONNECTION

What is an onset-rime ?

The onset-rime refers to the parts of a syllable. The onset is the initial consonant or consonant cluster that precedes the vowel in a syllable. For example, in the word "bat," the onset is the "b" sound. The rime, is the vowel sound and any consonant sounds that come after it in a syllable. For example, in the word "bat," the rime is the "at" sound. Together, the onset and rime make up the entire syllable.

Why is it important?

The concept of onset-rime is often used in teaching children to read and spell, as it helps them to understand the sound structure of words and how to break them down into smaller parts.



Ways I can support this at home.

- Word families are groups of words that share a common rime. For example, the -at word family includes words such as cat, hat, mat, and sat. Practice identifying and generating words in the same word family.

- Practice breaking words into syllables and identifying the onset and rime of each syllable. For example, in the word "table," the first syllable is "tə" (onset = "t", rime = "ə") and the second syllable is "bəl" (onset = "b", rime = "əl").

Practice blending onset and rime sounds together to form words. For example, give a child the onset sound "c" and ask them to blend it with different rime sounds to form words such as "cat," "can," "cup," and "cut."