

Phonemic and Phonological Awareness

SILLY WORDS

Skill: Nonsense Word Repetition

Considerations: Phonological/verbal memory, sound sequencing

Materials: Picture Cards

Lesson Objective: To have children listen to individual parts of spoken words and repeat then in a fluent manner.

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Count, pronounce, blend, and segment syllables in spoken words.

Lesson Steps

1. Print the one-syllable pictures included in this lesson and glue them onto notecards. Picture cards can also cut out from magazines or taken from other sources.
2. Try to get pictures that include all of the 44 phonemes in the English language, i.e., book, toy, ouch, shell, etc.
3. Place the cards face down on the table.
4. Begin with two-syllable silly words by having the student pick up two cards, i.e., *book* and *toy*, and without looking, the student hands the cards to the teacher.
5. The teacher says the names of the two pictures together, in a fluent manner, as if it were a two-syllable word, i.e., *booktoy*.
6. The student repeats the two-syllable Silly Word, exactly as he/she heard the word.

7. If the student repeats the word correctly, he/she gets to keep the cards and the game moves to another word.
8. If the student blends the word incorrectly, show the student the two cards while pointing to each individual picture saying the words out loud. Have the student repeat each word while pointing to the pictures and then blend the two words together, making the Silly Word.

Instructional Continuum

- A. This activity can be played with partners. One student will pick the notecards and hand them to a peer. The peer will then blend the individual cards to make the Silly Word for the other student to repeat.
- B. Once students have mastered repeating two-syllable Silly Words, increase the difficulty by using three pictures, i.e., *booktoys**hell*, creating a three-syllable silly word.
- C. For a more advanced level of silly words, give the student a four-syllable word to repeat. This will require the ability to remember four words at once and reproduce to make a fluent Silly Word.

Suggested picture-words:

ring	jar	van	tooth	zip	hug
ape	feet	vine	bone	cube	dots
itch	fish	pig	wink	nose	bank
fox	egg	quack	coin	cheese	chew
arm	fork	bird	shoe	book	mouth
boy	food	yak	bell	safe	ham

Lesson Printables

Feel free to use our materials. Print the picture-word cards onto card stock or glue them to flash cards. If your feeling creative, you can even come up with your own picture-word cards!







