



Phonological Awareness: Syllables in Words

The purpose of this activity is for the students to practice orally blending individual syllables into multisyllabic words.

Prepare

Use the word bank at the end of the activity.

Warm-Up



Words are made up of smaller word parts that we put together. Those smaller word parts are called syllables. We can break up words into syllables. We can also put syllables together to make words.

Modeling



We're going to play a game in which you will make a word by combining the word parts that I give you.

I'll say the first word part and then pause. Then, I'll say the second word part. You'll put the two word parts together to make a new word.

Listen to me do the first one. The first word part is *rab*. The next word part is *bit*. Let's put them together: *rab... bit, rabbit*.

Say it with me. Say *rab*. Pause. Now say *bit*. Say them together fast: *rab... bit, rabbit*. What word is that?

Model for students.

Guided Practice



Let's try to do one together. The next two parts are *lem* and *on*. Now put these two parts together. What's the word?

If Correct: Good. When we put "lem" and "on" together, it makes the word "lemon."

If Incorrect: Let's try it together, slowly. Say "lem." Now say "on." Say them together, without a pause: "lem..." "on." What word do they make together?

Correct: lemon

Try to get a correct response before proceeding.

Practice



Now it's your turn. The next two parts are *pup* and *py*. What's the word when you put them together?

If Correct: Puppy. You're ready to try the next word on your own.

Listen to my next parts. *(insert syllable part 1)...* *(insert syllable part 2)...* *(insert syllable part 3)...* *(insert syllable part 4)*. What's the word?

Word Bank

Syllable part 1	Syllable part 2	Syllable part 3	Syllable part 4	Syllable part 5
sil	ly			silly
rob	in			robin
fun	ny			funny
re	cess			recess
rib	bon			ribbon
cab	in			cabin
lob	ster			lobster
hel	met			helmet
ba	na	na		banana
el	e	phant		elephant
croc	o	dile		crocodile
kan	ga	roo		kangaroo
oc	to	pus		octopus
as	tro	naut		astronaut
fla	ming	o		flamingo
tram	po	line		trampoline

Word Bank *Continued*

Syllable part 1	Syllable part 2	Syllable part 3	Syllable part 4	Syllable part 5
A	mer	i	can	American
cat	a	gor	y	category
dis	tri	bu	tion	distribution
fa	cil	i	tate	facilitate

Wrap-Up



Wow! You've put all of these syllables together to make words!
Nice work!