



Phonemic Awareness: Orally Blend Words with Initial Blends

The purpose of this activity is for the student to practice orally blending words with initial consonant blends.

Warm-Up



We're going to play a game. I will give you three or four sounds, and you will put them together to guess my word.

Listen to me do the first one. My sounds are /s/ Pause. /n/. Pause. And /O/. Pause. Let's put them together: sssnnnOOO (elongate the sounds). What word is that? Snow.

Model for the student



Let's try to do one together. The next sounds are /f/. Pause. /r/. Pause. /e/. Pause. And /t/. Now put these them together. Fffrrreet. What's the word?

If Correct: Good. When we put /f/ pause. /r/. Pause. /e/. Pause, and /t/ together, it makes the word "fret."

Correct: fret

If Incorrect: Let's try it together, slowly. Say /f/, /r/, /e/, and /t/. Say them together, without a pause: fffrrreet (elongate the sounds). What word do they make together?

Try to get a correct response before proceeding



Now it's your turn. The next sounds are /s/ pause. /l/. Pause. /i/. Pause. And /p/. What's the word when you put them together?

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

Correct: slip

If Incorrect: Try it with me. Say /s/, /l/, /i/, and /p/. Say them together faster (elongate the sounds): sssllliip. What's the word?

If incorrect, go back to an easier activity.

Word Bank



What's the word?

/f/ /l/ /a/ /g/ Correct: flag
 /s/ /l/ /a/ /p/ Correct: slap
 /s/ /n/ /a/ /g/ Correct: snag
 /s/ /n/ /o/ /b/ Correct: snob

/f/ /l/ /e/ /d/ Correct: fled
 /s/ /l/ /i/ /d/ Correct: slid
 /s/ /n/ /u/ /g/ Correct: snug
 /f/ /l/ /a/ /b/ Correct: flab

/s/ /l/ /o/ /t/ Correct: slot
 /b/ /l/ /o/ /t/ Correct: blot
 /d/ /r/ /u/ /g/ Correct: drug
 /p/ /l/ /o/ /t/ Correct: plot

/s/ /c/ /a/ /n/ Correct: scan
 /s/ /p/ /i/ /n/ Correct: spin
 /s/ /t/ /o/ /p/ Correct: stop
 /t/ /r/ /i/ /m/ Correct: trim

/t/ /r/ /i/ /p/ Correct: trip
 /t/ /w/ /i/ /n/ Correct: twin
 /c/ /l/ /a/ /p/ Correct: clap
 /g/ /r/ /i/ /p/ Correct: grip