
Syllable Segmenting & Blending



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Syllables

- A syllable is a single, unbroken sound of a spoken (or written) word. Syllables usually contain a vowel and an accompanying consonant.
- “beats” of spoken language.



Why is learning about syllables important?

- ★ Developing syllable knowledge is useful in the early stages of pre-literacy skills (phonological awareness). Students who develop a keen ear for syllables can use this knowledge to read and spell more effectively and efficiently.

**Phonological awareness is the ability to hear, notice and play with the sounds in language.*

Syllable Segmenting

Syllable segmentation is the ability to identify how many syllables (or parts) there are in a word.

- Clap them out; stomp them out
- Use different objects to represent syllables (pom-poms, playdoh pinches, etc.)
- Syllable Hunts

Start with simple familiar words or things they can see.

Once children can successfully segment syllables, help them identify the number of syllables within a word.

Example: "Look, a butt-er-fly.....that's 3 claps!"



Syllables Segmenting Activities

- Counting syllables with LEGO blocks
- Object/Picture sort
- Jump the syllables
- And so many more!

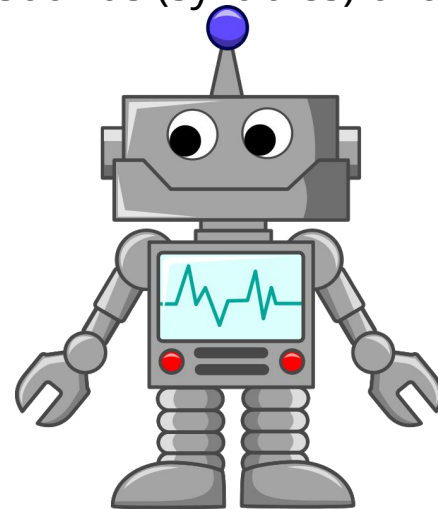


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Syllable Blending

Syllable blending means to smoothly combine the individual sounds (syllables) of a word to say them as a whole word.

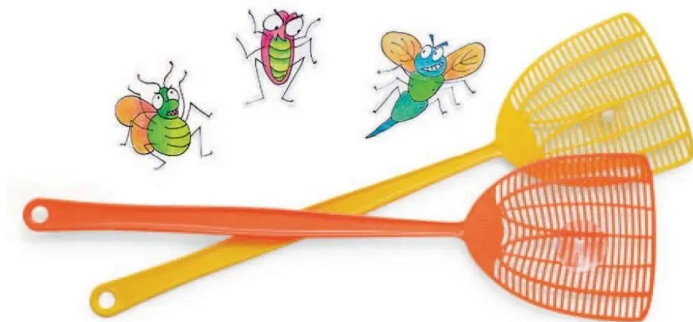
- Use “robot talk”
- Hook sounds together through singing
- Use hand symbols to represent syllables



Again, start with simple familiar words or things they can see.

Syllable Blending Activities

- Syllable Fly Swatter Splat!
- I Spy with my Little Eye
- Run and find games
- And so many more!



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Remember: keep it simple
— and have fun! —

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