

Learning together

Sound Breakdown

ACTIVITY #9

SEQUENCE: PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS —
PRIMARY

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Purpose of the activity

The goal of this activity is to help your child orally replace sounds by other sounds in words.



Relevance of the activity

This skill will allow your help to use their working memory and call on the skills they have learned previously, such as identifying and putting sounds together.



Supplies



- tokens
- if needed: extra words to practice in the appendix

IT'S YOUR TURN TO PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD!

Explain the activity:



Do you remember, in the previous activities, we identified and put sounds together into a word? Now, we're going to use these new skills to form words that don't exist.

Explain why:



This skill is more difficult than others because it requires you to remember the starting word in your head, and to identify the sound to change and merge the new sound with the rest of the word. This is another skill that prepares you to read and write.

Explain when:



When you need to write a new word, you can ask yourself if it has sounds that you recognize in other words.

Try it together:



I will give you an example with a word you know well: the word FUN. Can you tell me what the sounds are in the word FUN?

- Help the child by placing a token on the table at each sound: fff + uuu + nnn.



fff



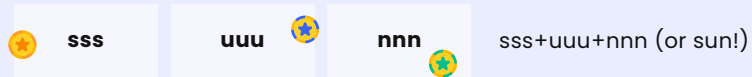
uuu



nnn

If I replace the first fff sound with sss, what new word does it look like?

- Possibility to replace the first token with a new one that is a different colour)



Yes, you know that word!

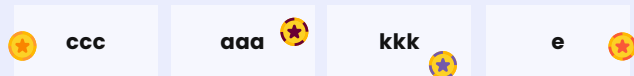
The words FUN and SUN have the sounds UUU and NNN in common!

The first sound is different (sss vs. fff).

Now let's try another word: CAKE.

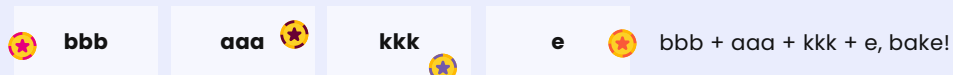
Can you tell me what the sounds are in the word CAKE?

- Help the child by placing a token on the table at each sound: ccc + aaa + kkk + e



If I replace the first ccc sound with bbb, what the new word does it look like?

- Possibility to replace the first token with a new one that is a different colour)



Yes, you know that word.

The words CAKE and BAKE have the sounds AAA and KKK in common!

The first sound is different (ccc vs. bbb).

Now, if I keep the word CAKE but replace the sound AAA + KKK with AAA + SSS



Yes, I know that word! The words CAKE and CASE have the sounds KKK and AAA in common! The last sound is different (kkk vs. sss).



Quick tip

You can start from an initial word and try to create as many as possible by changing a sound each time. For example:

Lake, make, made, male, mail

Red (read, head, led)

Sheep (sheet, shirt)



Let's try again with other words:

Rake (race, right)

Sea (see) (me, he, seem, cream, dream)

Sand (hand, sat, mat)

Cap (cat, cape)