PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Teacher Use:

Phonemic awareness is an auditory skill that can be practiced "in the dark" (without letters). Phonemic awareness involves detecting individual sounds (phonemes) in words and blending, segmenting, or manipulating these sounds. Phonemic awareness is an essential skill that promotes strong decoding and fluent reading.

How Many Sounds? (Nonsense Word) can be used to practice and strengthen foundational literacy skills that are necessary to become a proficient reader.

Included in this resource is a list of nonsense words used to call out to students, as well number cards used for students to identify the number of sounds in the nonsense word.

Teachers should consider adding new nonsense words once students are proficient with identifying the number of sounds on the list provided.

This resource can be used in literacy stations, small group instruction, or reading intervention.

HOW MANY SOUNDS?

Directions:

Cut out the number cards in the resource. Place both cards face up with the number displayed for each player to see. If one student is playing, the teacher will only need one set of number cards. If there is more than one player, use as many cards appropriate for the amount of players.

Tell the student they will need to listen for the sounds in the nonsense word and then identify the number of sounds by pointing to card 2 or 3.

The teacher will say the nonsense word first clear enough for the student to hear. Have the student repeat the word. Next, have the student count out the sounds in the nonsense word. Once the student has identified the number of sounds have them point to the correct number card.

Example:
Teacher: "ug"
Student: "ug" /u/ /g/
Teacher: "How many sounds?"
Student: "2 sounds" (student will touch card 2)

Practice this activity until the student is proficient with hearing the individual sounds in the nonsense word.
Teachers should consider adding new words to the list when appropriate.

HOW MANY SOUNDS?

Word List

2 Sounds

ag, ug, op, ip, ot, et, os, id, ga, ik, iv, av, ov, ud, ig

3 Sounds

mip, bof, pob, lif, yig, sid, bix, gat, vit, tid, rav, pum

chul, shim, phid, whek, shom, thib, thap, chod, mif

2

3

2

3

ag

ug

op

ip

ot

et

os

id

ga

ik

iv

av

mip

bof

pob

lif

yig

sid

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