

Blending and segmenting game

First start with blending:

- Think of a two-syllable word that will appeal to the child, such as 'football'.
- Point to the ceiling using your left hand and say 'foot'
- Point to the ceiling using your right hand and say, 'ball'
- Bring the two index fingers side by side and say, 'football'
- Ask the child to copy and then say 'football' as fast as they can.
- Ask the child to join in with you - exaggerate the syllables with a playful voice.
- Practise with other words until the child can do this independently.

Now segmenting. When the child has discovered that two sounds such as 'i-t' can blend together in the same way, they will also be able to segment words.

- Bring your two index fingers side by side, exactly as before and say, 'foot...ball',
- Make the right index finger 'disappear' into the right fist and say "Take away ball"
- Flex the left index finger a little and say, "What's left?"
- If they followed the game, they will say, "Foot".
- If they are confused, say, "Let me show you again..." and repeat the process.

Word lists for the blending and segmenting game

Familiar two syllable words		Familiar two phoneme words		Onset and rime	
Cow...boy	<input type="checkbox"/>	I...t	<input type="checkbox"/>	M...ine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skate...board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sh...e	<input type="checkbox"/>	F...ine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow...man	<input type="checkbox"/>	M...e	<input type="checkbox"/>	C...at	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sun...shine	<input type="checkbox"/>	I...s	<input type="checkbox"/>	B...at	<input type="checkbox"/>
Num...ber	<input type="checkbox"/>	B...e	<input type="checkbox"/>	W...ell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tract...or	<input type="checkbox"/>	U...s	<input type="checkbox"/>	F...ell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dust...bin	<input type="checkbox"/>	W...e	<input type="checkbox"/>	M...en	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice...cream	<input type="checkbox"/>	Th...e	<input type="checkbox"/>	P...en	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class...room	<input type="checkbox"/>	I...n	<input type="checkbox"/>	D...ark	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoe...lace	<input type="checkbox"/>	S...o	<input type="checkbox"/>	M...ark	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arm...chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	O...n	<input type="checkbox"/>	P...ark	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tooth...brush	<input type="checkbox"/>	T...o	<input type="checkbox"/>	L...ight	<input type="checkbox"/>