## Encoding and Decoding

## Vowel Stars

## $\Leftrightarrow$ Objective

The student will blend sounds of letters to make words.

## Materials

- Vowel Stars (Activity Master P.034.AM1a - P.034.AM1d)

Copy on card stock, laminate, and cut.

- Vis-à-Vis marker
- Paper
- Pencil


## Activity

## Students combine vowels with consonant combinations to make words.

1. Place the Vowel Stars face down in a stack at the center. Provide the student with paper and a Vis-à-Vis® marker.
2. The student selects the top card and writes a vowel in the blank using the Vis-à-Vis ${ }^{\ominus}$ marker.
3. Says the sounds of each letter, blends them, and reads the word orally (e.g., "/d//i//g/, dig").
4. Determines if it is a real word or a nonsense word. If it is a real word records it on the paper.
5. Wipes the vowel off and writes another one.
6. Continue until all cards are used.
7. Teacher evaluation


## Extensions and Adaptations

- Make stars with other consonants (Activity Master P.034.AM2).
- Exchange sheets with another student and compare words.







## Encoding and Decoding

## Objective

The student will blend sounds of letters to make words.

## Materials

- Student sheets (Activity Master P.035.SS1a - P.035.SS1d) Choose a target word student sheet.
- Pencil
- Scissors


## Activity

## Students make new words by manipulating one letter at a time.

1. Provide the student with scissors and a target word student sheet.
2. The student cuts the letters from the bottom of the student sheet and places them in a row.
3. Selects the corresponding letters to make the word on the bottom step. Says the sounds of each letter, blends them, and reads the word orally (e.g., "/t//i//p/, tip").
4. Exchanges one of the letters to make a new real word. Blends them, and reads the new word (e.g., "/n//i//p/, nip").
5. Records the word on the next step.
6. Continues until all the steps are filled.
7. Teacher evaluation


## Extensions and Adaptations

- Add letters and/or steps.
- Use other target word steps (Activity Master P.035.SS1a - P.035.SS1d)
- Make word steps with other words (Activity Master P.035.SS2).

..................................................................................................

| f | i | d | n |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a |  |  |  |



Word Steps P.035.SSII d

P.035.SS2 Word Steps


Encoding and Decoding

## Letter Cube Blending

## Objective

The student will blend sounds of letters to make words.

## Materials

- Letter cubes (Activity Master P.036.AM1a - P.036.AM1c) Copy on card stock, laminate, cut, and assemble.
- Student sheet (Activity Master P.036.SS)
- Pencils


## Activity

## Students make words using consonant and vowel cubes.

1. Place the three cubes on a flat surface. Provide each student with a student sheet.
2. Taking turns, students roll the cubes. Place each cube on the matching number on the student sheet. Say the sound of each letter, blend them, and read the word orally (e.g., "/k//o//b/, cob").
3. Determine if the word is real or nonsense and record it in the corresponding column on the student sheet.
4. Continue until at least ten words are recorded.
5. Teacher evaluation


## Extensions and Adaptations

- Complete an open sort with the words from the compiled lists.
- Use a timer to make as many real words as possible in a minute.

letter cube 1

letter cube 2

letter cube 3

Letter Cube Blending


Phonics

## P. 037

## Objective

The student will blend sounds of letters to make words.

## Materials

- Letter cards (Activity Master P.037.AM1a - P.037.AM1c)
- Student sheet (Activity Master P.037.SS)
- Pencils


## Activity

## Students use consonant and vowel cards to make words.

1. Place the consonant cards face down in one stack and vowel cards face down in another stack.

Provide each student with a student sheet.
2. Taking turns, students select two cards from the consonant stack and one card from the vowel stack.
3. Place the vowel card between the two consonant cards. Say the sound of each letter, blend them, and read the word orally (e.g., "/b//u//g/, bug").
4. Determine if the word is real or nonsense and record it in the corresponding column on the student sheet. Return the cards to the bottom of the appropriate stacks. Select two more consonant cards and one more vowel card.
5. Continue until at least ten words are recorded.
6. Teacher evaluation


## Extensions and Adaptations

Switch letters with other students to change nonsense words to real words.

- Sort the words by vowel.

Phonics
Three-In-One
P.037.AMIa

P.037.AMIb


## Phonics

Three-In-One
P.037.AMIc


Real Words
Nonsense Words

| Real Words | Nonsense Words |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

## Encoding and Decoding

## Digraph Delight

## Objective

The student will blend sounds of letters to make words.

## Materials

- Letter spinners (Activity Master P.038.AM1a - P.038.AM1c)

Copy spinners on card stock and cut.

- Brads

Attach arrows to the spinners with the brads.

- Paper
- Pencil


## Activity

Students make words using digraph and letter spinners.

1. Place spinners at the center. Provide each student with paper.
2. The student spins each spinner in order and writes the letters on the paper.
3. Says the sound of each letter, blends them, and reads the word orally (e.g., "/ch//i//n/, chin").
4. Determines if the word is real or nonsense. If it is a nonsense word crosses it out.
5. Continues until at least ten words are recorded.
6. Teacher evaluation


## Extensions and Adaptations

- Make spinners with other letters (Activity Master P.038.AM2).

letter spinner 1

Phonics

letter spinner 2

letter spinner 3

Digraph Delight

blank spinner

Phonics

## Objective

The student will blend sounds of letters to make words.

## Materials

- Picture cards (Activity Master P.039AM1a - P.039.AM1d)
- Magnetic letters
- Magnetic board
- Paper
- Pencil


## Activity

Students segment names of pictures into phonemes and use the corresponding magnetic letters to make the word.

1. Place the picture cards at the center. Place the magnetic letters face up in rows. Provide the student with a magnetic board and paper.
2. The student selects the top card from the stack, names it, and segments it into individual phonemes (e.g., "hat, /h//a//t/").
3. Selects the magnetic letters that correspond to the phonemes and places them in the correct order on the magnetic board (i.e., h-a-t). Says the sounds of each letter, blends them, and reads the word orally (i.e., "/h//a//t/, hat").
4. Records the word on paper.
5. Continues until all words are recorded.
6. Teacher evaluation


## Extensions and Adaptations

- Use other picture cards or objects.
- Use picture cards with blends and digraphs (e.g., flag, dish).


## Phonics

Make-A-Word

picture cards: cat, sun, tub, rip, hat, rug

picłure cards: łen, hop, map, lip, run, leg

## Phonics

Make-A-Word

picture cards: net, cap, pan, hug, mop, cot


Enocding and Decoding

## A Digraph A Word

## $\Leftrightarrow$ Objective

The student will blend sounds of letters to make words.
$\Leftrightarrow$ Materials

- Picture cards (Activity Master P.040.AM1a - P.040.AM1c)
- Letter tile cards (Activity Master P.009.AM1a - P.009.AM1b)
- Digraph tile cards (Activity Master P.040.AM2)
- Paper
- Pencils


## Activity

Students segment names of pictures into phonemes and use the corresponding letter tiles to spell the word.

1. Place the picture cards face down in a stack. Place the letter and digraph tile cards face up in rows. Provide each student with paper.
2. Taking turns, student one selects the top card from the stack, names it, and segments it into individual phonemes (e.g., "fish, /f//i//sh/").
3. Student two selects the letter tiles that correspond to the phonemes and places them in the correct order (i.e., f-i-sh).
4. Student one says the sounds of each letter(s), blends them, and reads the word orally (i.e., "/f//i//sh/, fish").
5. Both students record the word on their paper.
6. Continue until all words are recorded.
7. Teacher evaluation


## Extensions and Adaptations

- Write the word and record the number of graphemes and phonemes.
- Identify the blends.
- Use other picture cards.



## Phonics

A Digraph A Word



| sh | th | wh | ch | ck |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH | TH | WH | CH | CK |

