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GET Help:

"My child is a struggling reader!"

TIPS TO WORK ON READING SKILLS

Phonological awareness is an umbrella term for skills like rhyming, alliteration, sentence segmentation, syllables, onset and rime, and phonemic awareness. Kids with good phonological awareness are more likely to be successful readers.

Myth

- Children will naturally acquire phonemic awareness naturally, such as through nursery rhymes and songs.
- Children will master phonemic awareness and won't need instruction.
- Phonics, phonological awareness, and phonics are all the same

Fact

- Children need direct instruction for phonological awareness skills, some kids more than others
- Skills become more sophisticated as children age
- Both readers and struggling readers benefit from directed PA instruction

5 Ways to Practice Phonological Awareness

1. READ RHYMING BOOKS: Stop at the end of a line and ask your child to fill in the rhyme (e.g., brown bear, brown bear, what do you see? I see a red bird looking at ____ (pause for them to fill in the blank).
2. PLAY THE ALPHABET GAME!: Observe what's around to find objects that contain each sound of the alphabet.
3. PRACTICE COMBINING WORDS AND SYLLABLES. Ask your child to hold their hands above their heads. Say one half of a word (cow) bringing one hand down. Ask them to say the second half bringing their other hand down (boy). Have your child join their hands and say the whole word (cowboy) [!]
4. PLAY GUESS MY WORD. Tell your child the sounds in a word e.g., "c-a-t" then ask them to guess the word!
5. PHONEME REVERSAL: Phoneme reversal is a task that specifically requires students to segment and identify the sounds of a word, then reverse them! (c-a-t becomes t-a-c)

Phonological Awareness

THE ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE THAT SPOKEN WORDS ARE MADE UP OF INDIVIDUAL SOUND PARTS.

Phonological Awareness is like an umbrella. Phonemic Awareness and other skills exist under this umbrella.

National Center on Improving Literacy (2022). Phonological Awareness: What Is It and How Does It Relate To Phonemic Awareness. Retrieved from <http://improvingliteracy.org>.

Words

- RHYMING
- ALLITERATION: Bold big brown bear
- SENTENCE SEGMENTATION: I / see / the / dog = 4 words

Syllables

- BA-BY = 2 SYLLABLES
- EX-ER-CISE = 3 SYLLABLES

Onset & Rime

- ONSET = MAP
- RIME = MAP

Phonemic Awareness

- /M/ /OO/ /N/ MOON = 3 PHONEMES

Phonemic awareness is the most advanced skill of phonological awareness.

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