



Early & Emerging Readers Kit #2: Sound It Out!

Early literacy tip: Phonological awareness is the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words. This skill will help your child when they later try to sound out words to read or spell.

Books:

- BOB Books Pack: Beginning Readers (12)
- BOB Books Pack: First Stories (12)
- Scholastic Word Stories: A (25)

Activities:

- Wooden Reading Blocks
- 3 Letter Word Puzzles

Suggestions for how to interact with these books and activities:

- Choose a BOB book to read together, and encourage your child to use their letter sound knowledge to sound out the words in the book. Model how to say each sound, and how to blend them together to read the word (for example: c- a- t → cat). Run your finger under the letters as you say the sounds to demonstrate this. Point out sight words that are not easy to decode because they don't follow regular spelling patterns, like 'the,' 'and,' 'was,' and 'of.'
- Continue practicing letter/sound correspondences with the word puzzle game and wooden reading blocks. Children can use the picture clues along with letter sounds to build the words sound by sound.
- Choose a Scholastic Word Story to read together. Point out the sight word on the cover. Children can point out the bolded sight word on each page as you read together.

Practice at home:

- Give your child a short, simple word, like cat or bug. Have them draw a picture of the word. Then work together to sound the word out and write it below the picture. As they learn more words, they can also start to write and illustrate full sentences.
- Have children find the sight words they are learning in other books at home or from the library.