

Phonological Awareness Continuum

Hardest



Easiest

Type	Description	Example
Phonemic Awareness	Blending phonemes into words, segmenting words into individual phonemes, and manipulating phonemes in spoken words	/k/ /a/ /t/
Onsets and Rimes	Blending or segmenting the initial consonant or consonant cluster (onset) and the vowel and consonant sounds that follow (rime)	/m/ /ice/ /sh/ /ake/
Sentence Segmentation (Word Awareness)	Segmenting sentences into spoken words	The dog ran away. 1 2 3 4
Syllables	Combining syllables to say words or segmenting spoken words into syllables	/mag/ /net/ /pa/ /per/
Alliteration	Producing groups of words that begin with the same initial sound	ten tiny tadpoles
Rhyme	Matching the ending sounds of words	cat, hat, bat, sat
Listening	Ability to attend to and discriminate sounds	The sound of hands clapping vs. snapping