

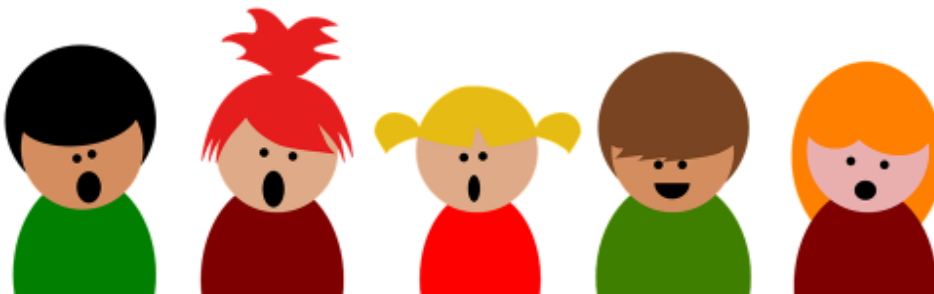
Let's Play with PA!

What is Phonological Awareness?

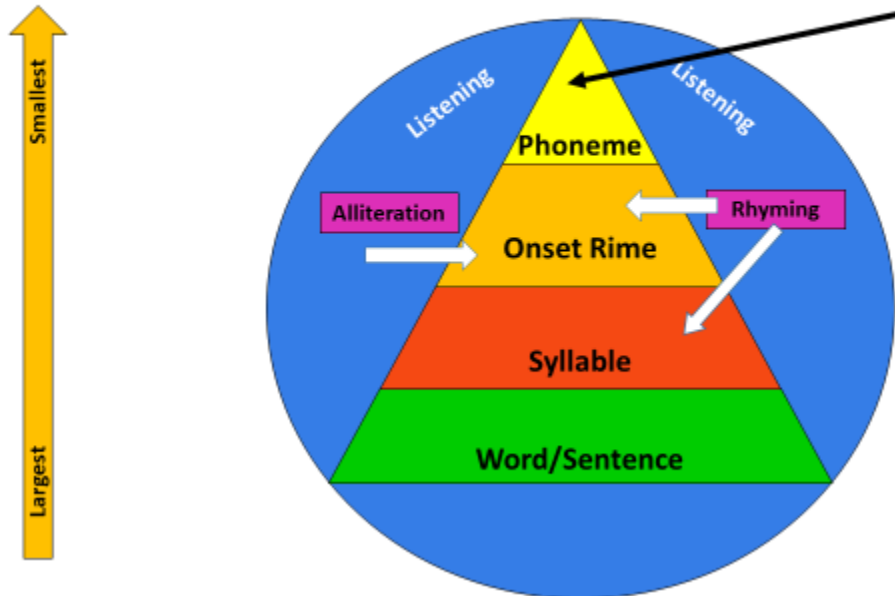
- Phonological awareness is sound awareness. It is the ability to hear sound in the language and manipulate or “play” with sounds in language.
- PA is one of the strongest predictors of later reading abilities
- Activities are all oral



- Children who can play with (manipulate) words and sounds when they enter kindergarten are better prepared to learn to read.
- While preschool teachers are not responsible for teaching children how to read words, they are responsible for building the foundation (developing phonological awareness).



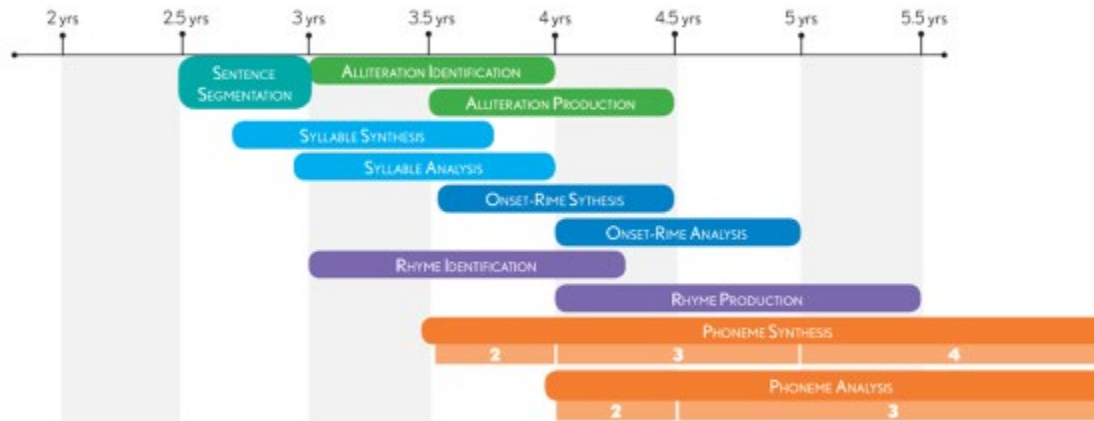
Phonological Awareness Continuum Word Structure



Phonemic Awareness:

- understanding that words are made up of phonemes or individual units of sound that influence the meaning of the word
 - Segmenting
 - Blending
 - Manipulation
- Young children must come to reading with phonemic awareness
- allows young readers to build another important element of reading: phonics

Phonological Awareness Developmental Timeline



Segment Sentences Into Words

- Use children's names in sentences
- Use *familiar* sentences:
 - Poetry, songs, or nursery rhymes (For example, "See You Later, Alligator")
 - Daily news, morning message, or other shared writing
- Begin with short sentences with one syllable words (2 words, then 3 words, then add two syllable words)
- Provide multisensory methods of segmenting
 - Tapping or stomping
 - Chips, other objects, squares

Syllable Blending, Segmenting, & Deletion

- Use children's names! 😊
- Picture cut-outs from known words
- *Familiar* vocabulary
- Sorting pictures/objects by # of syllables (start w/ 2 syllable words, 3 syllable, etc.)



Li lly
X X



ba na na
X X X

Identify/Recognize Rhymes:

- Get Out of the Wagon!



- Which words rhyme?
 - Give a set of **oral** words or pictures. Students will identify words that do not rhyme

Cake - Snake 👉 Cake - Can	Listen to these words. Which word does not rhyme? Tell <i>block</i> sell
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What is onset and rime?

- **Onset:** The onset in a syllable is any consonant sounds that come before the vowel.

/c/ - /at/
onset

/st/ - /op/
onset

- **Rime:** The rime in a syllable includes the vowel and any consonants that follow it.

/c/ - /at/
rime

/st/ - /op/
rime

Phonemic Awareness

- At this level, students are attending to the smallest units of sound
- Phoneme blending and segmenting are the most critical PA skills
 - Contributes more to learning to read and write than any other PA skills
 - "...improvements in phonological awareness can and usually do result in improvements in reading ability." (Lane and Pullen, 2004)
- Phonemes should be pronounced correctly to facilitate blending

"The reason for teaching children to analyze phonemes in words is so they can connect letter to phonemes when they read or write words." Ehri & Roberts, 2006

Online Resources for Phonemic Awareness Activities



- <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/readingfirst/2008conferences/sound.pdf>

**Building
RTI**

Phonological Awareness https://buildingrti.utexas.org/rti-search?search_text=phonological+awareness

**Florida Center for
Reading Research**

- <http://www.fcrr.org/>

How Can Parents Help at Home?

**Make, Take & Teach
Hands-On Activities for
the Primary
Classroom**

- <https://blog.maketaketeach.com/parent-handouts-perfect-for-conferences/>

**Raising Readers: Tips
for Parents
Northern Illinois
University**

- <https://www.cedu.niu.edu/literacy-clinic/resources/raising-readers/phonemic-awareness.pdf>

