



Robot Talk

Skill: Blending

<u>What you need</u>	<u>Who can play</u>
No materials needed	Child and adult / older sibling

Blending involves hearing separate sounds and putting them together in your mind to form a complete word. This skill is one part of **phonological awareness**. It will be needed when children are “sounding out” words by saying each sound and then putting them together to make the word. For example, the sounds /t/ /o/ /p/ are blended together to make the word *top*.

What you do

1. Pretend like you are a robot! Say this rhyme in a robot voice and have your child respond:

I am a robot. Please help me!

Can you tell me what I see?

I see a /c/ /a/ /t/.

2. Have your child blend the sounds into the final word and say:

Yes, I can. I know it well!

You see a _____! I can tell!

3. Here are other words, broken into sounds, to use:

b-a-t	<i>bat</i>	f-u-n	<i>fun</i>	k-i-t	<i>kit</i>
b-u-g	<i>bug</i>	f-o-x	<i>fox</i>	k-ee-p	<i>keep</i>
b-e-d	<i>bed</i>	f-i-t	<i>fit</i>	k-i-te	<i>kite</i>
c-u-p	<i>cup</i>	g-o-t	<i>got</i>	l-e-t	<i>let</i>
c-a-t	<i>cat</i>	g-a-g	<i>gag</i>	l-i-p	<i>lip</i>
c-o-t	<i>cot</i>	g-u-m	<i>gum</i>	l-e-g	<i>let</i>
d-i-g	<i>dig</i>	h-e-n	<i>hen</i>	m-i-x	<i>mix</i>
d-o-t	<i>dot</i>	h-o-p	<i>hop</i>	m-a-t	<i>mat</i>
d-e-n	<i>den</i>	h-i-p	<i>hip</i>	m-o-p	<i>mop</i>



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Other ways to play

Use a puppet that you have to make the sounds for blending. Make an easy puppet out of a sock!

Put your hand inside the sock, and make the “mouth” open and close with your fingers and thumb. Draw or glue on features, like eyes, nose, and mouth.

Have the puppet explain the game and say the sounds of the words.



Taking it further

Use words with more than three sounds. Here are words with four sounds, broken into individual sounds. Be sure to slow down enough to make each sound separately!

b-l-a-ck	<i>black</i>	f-l-a-p	<i>flap</i>
b-l-ea-ch	<i>bleach</i>	f-l-o-ck	<i>flock</i>
b-l-o-ck	<i>block</i>	f-l-i-p	<i>flip</i>
b-r-u-sh	<i>brush</i>	p-l-u-g	<i>plug</i>
b-r-ea-d	<i>bread</i>	p-l-u-ck	<i>pluck</i>
b-r-ai-d	<i>braid</i>	p-l-u-m	<i>plum</i>
c-l-ea-n	<i>clean</i>	p-r-i-ze	<i>prize</i>
c-l-o-se	<i>close</i>	p-r-i-ce	<i>price</i>
c-l-a-p	<i>clap</i>	p-r-o-p	<i>prop</i>
c-r-ea-m	<i>cream</i>	t-r-a-p	<i>trap</i>
c-r-i-b	<i>crib</i>	t-r-u-ck	<i>truck</i>
c-r-o-p	<i>crop</i>	t-r-i-m	<i>trim</i>