

# Phonological Awareness

## What is it?

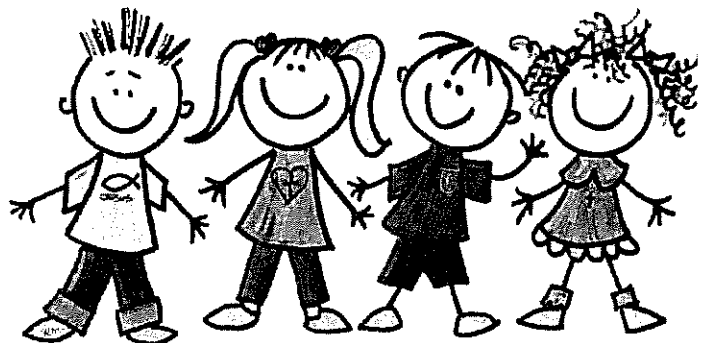
Phonological awareness is an understanding of how to break apart and manipulate spoken language. It is done orally and without print.

## Why is it important?

Children with strong phonological awareness are often successful readers. By engaging in word play, children learn to recognize patterns among words and use this knowledge to read and build words.

## How can you help at home?

Have your child play word games with you as often as possible. Because you don't need any materials (Crayons, paper, markers, etc.), word games can be played in the car, while you're cooking dinner, or going for a walk. Word games can involve the whole family. Have fun with them!



# PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Phonological Awareness (PA) is a major focus in kindergarten. Your child will be assessed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in May. Below are some sample activities that you can do to help your child develop PA. Please note when you see letters between backslashes i.e. /r/, you should say the sound the letter makes, not the name of the letter. Please be patient with your child and have fun 😊

## Working with Rhymes

- Recognizing Rhymes: "Do *bed* and *red* rhyme?" (Task 2)
- Complete a Rhyme: Make up a sentence such as, "I'm so happy, I could sing. I just found my diamond \_\_\_\_\_." (ring) and ask your child to fill in the blank. (Task 3)
- Producing Rhymes: "What rhymes with *mat*?" (Task 4)

## Working with Syllables

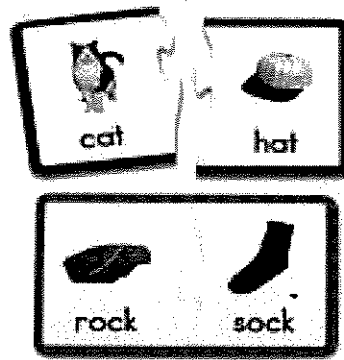
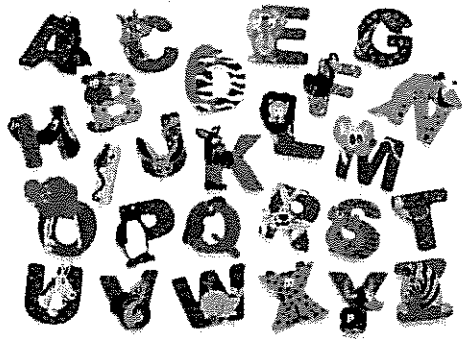
- Blending: "I'm going to say this word in parts. Tell me what word I am saying. ham-bur-ger" Child says *hamburger*. (Task 5)
- Segmenting: "Push up a cheerio for each part in the word *alligator*." (Child moves 4 Cheerios one at a time.) (Task 6)
- Deleting: "What is *snowman* without *snow*?" (man) (Task 7)

## Word Games

- "Push up a Cheerio for each word as you say the sentence. *My dog is so silly*." (5) (Task 1)
- "I am going to separate the sounds in a word. Tell me the whole word. /l/ /ist/" (list) (Task 10)
- "Push up a Cheerio for each sound you say in the word *dog*." (3) (Task 12)
- "*Big* without /b/ is *ig*. What is *cat* without /c/?" (at) (Task 13)
- "*Beep* without /p/ is *bee*. Say *base* without /s/." (bay) (Task 14)

## Sound Awareness

- Initial Sound: "What is the first sound in the word *red*?" /r/ (Task 8)
- Final Sound: "What is the last sound in the word *beg*?" /g/ (Task 9)
- Blending: "I will separate all the sounds in the word. Tell me the whole word. /g/ /r/ /e/ /n/" (*green*) (Task 11)
- Adding Sounds: "Say /et/. What do you get when you add /p/?" (*pet*) Task 15
- "Replace the first sound in *bed* with /r/." (*red*) (Task 16)



## Phonological Awareness:

Listed below are websites containing online activities and reproducible materials that you may find useful to assist your child in learning phonological awareness skills as well as other literacy skills.

<a href="http://www.abcmouse.com">www.abcmouse.com</a>	<a href="http://www.abcya.com">www.abcya.com</a>
<a href="http://www.education.com">www.education.com</a>	<a href="http://www.fivefromfive.org.au">www.fivefromfive.org.au</a>
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<a href="http://www.readingrockets.org">www.readingrockets.org</a>	<a href="http://www.starfall.com">www.starfall.com</a>

# Phonological Awareness Continuum

Type	Description	Examples
Rhyme	Matching the endings of words	cat, hat, bat, sat
Alliteration	Producing groups of words that begin with the same initial sound	Ten tiny tadpoles
Sentence Segmentation	Segmenting sentences into spoken words	The dog ran away. 1 2 3 4
Syllable Segmentation	Segmenting words into syllables	bas ket ball
Compound Words	Blending and segmenting spoken words into 2 words	Snowman Snow Man
Onsets and Rimes Blending and Segmenting	Blending and segmenting the initial consonant or cluster (onset) and the vowel and consonant sounds spoken after it (rime)	/m/ /ice/ /sh/ /ake/
Phonemes Blending and Segmenting	Blending phonemes into words, segmenting words into individual phonemes and manipulating phonemes in spoken words VC, CV, CVC, CCVC, CVCC, CCVCC	At Po Cat Step Fast

# Ready4K

## Text messages to boost your child's learning.



### What is Ready4K?

**Ready4K** is a research-based text-messaging program for parents. Each week, you will receive **FUN FACTS** and **EASY TIPS** to boost your child's learning.

### Why should I sign up?

All parents want their children to succeed but many run out of ideas. **Ready4K** can help! The research behind **Ready4K** shows that receiving helpful texts can significantly increase children's learning (see York & Loeb 2014 study).

### How do I sign up?

Signing up is easy. All you have to do is follow these simple instructions:



If your child is  
3 years old,  
text **READY4K 3**  
to 70138



If your child is  
4 years old,  
text **READY4K 4**  
to 70138



If your child is  
in kindergarten,  
text **READY4K 5**  
to 70138

### How much does Ready4K cost?

While there is absolutely no cost for signing up, data & message rates may apply.

### What if I want to stop receiving Ready4K texts?

You can choose to stop receiving **Ready4K** texts at any time by texting **STOP** to 70138. If you have additional questions or for help with **Ready4K**, you can text **HELP** to 70138 or email us at [support@parentpowered.com](mailto:support@parentpowered.com).

## Sign up today to begin boosting your child's learning!

**Terms of Use and Privacy Policy:** By signing up for Ready4K (the "Program") you hereby agree to (i) enroll in the Program, (ii) the ParentPowered PBC Terms of Use available at [parentpowered.com/terms.html](http://parentpowered.com/terms.html) and Privacy Policy available at [parentpowered.com/privacy.html](http://parentpowered.com/privacy.html), and (iii) receive approximately three Ready4K text messages per week from 70138. By signing up, you confirm that you want ParentPowered to send you information we think may be of interest to you, which involves ParentPowered using automated dialing technology to text you at the cell phone number you provided. While there is absolutely no cost for enrolling, data & message rates may apply. You can cancel your receipt of Ready4K text messages any time by texting **STOP** to 70138. For help with Ready4K text **HELP** to 70138 or email us at [support@parentpowered.com](mailto:support@parentpowered.com).



# Ready4K

Mensajes de texto para promover el aprendizaje de su hijo/a.



## ¿Qué es Ready4K?

**Ready4K** es un programa de mensajes de texto, basado en la investigación, dirigidos a los padres. Cada semana, usted recibirá **DATOS DIVERTIDOS** y **CONSEJOS PRÁCTICOS** para promover el aprendizaje de su hijo/a.

## ¿Por qué debo inscribirme?

Todos los padres quieren que sus hijos tengan éxito, pero a muchos les faltan ideas. ¡**Ready4K** puede ayudar! La investigación que subyace a **Ready4K** demuestra que recibir textos útiles puede aumentar el aprendizaje de los niños en 2 a 3 meses.

## ¿Cómo me inscribo?

Inscribirse es muy fácil. Todo lo que tiene que hacer es seguir estas simples Instrucciones:



Si su hijo/a tiene 3 años de edad, enviar **READY4K 3E** al 70138



Si su hijo/a tiene 4 años de edad, enviar **READY4K 4E** al 70138



Si su hijo/a está en Kínder, enviar **READY4K 5E** al 70138

## ¿Cuál es el costo de Ready4K?

Si bien no existe ningún costo para inscribirse, pueden aplicarse tarifas de datos y mensajes.

## ¿Qué ocurre si deseo dejar de recibir los mensajes de texto de Ready4K?

Usted puede dejar de recibir los mensajes de texto de **Ready4K** en cualquier momento enviando **STOP** al 70138. Si tiene otras preguntas o necesita ayuda con **Ready4K**, puede enviar **HELP** al 70138 o enviarnos un correo electrónico a [support@parentpowered.com](mailto:support@parentpowered.com).

## ¡Inscríbase hoy para empezar a impulsar el aprendizaje de su hijo/a!

Condiciones de uso y política de privacidad: Al firmar el presente documento de Ready4K (el "Programa"), usted acepta (i) la inscripción en el Programa, (ii) las Condiciones de uso de ParentPowered PBC disponibles en [parentpowered.com/terms.html](http://parentpowered.com/terms.html) y la Política de privacidad disponible en [parentpowered.com/privacy.html](http://parentpowered.com/privacy.html), y (iii) recibir aproximadamente tres mensajes de texto de Ready4K por semana desde el número 70138. Al inscribirse, usted confirma que desea que ParentPowered le envíe información que consideremos pueda ser de interés para usted, lo cual implica que ParentPowered utilice tecnología de marcación automática para enviarle mensajes de texto al número de teléfono celular que nos dio. Si bien no existe ningún costo para inscribirse, pueden aplicarse tarifas de datos y mensajes. En cualquier momento usted puede cancelar la recepción de mensajes de texto de Ready4K enviando **STOP** al 70138. Para obtener ayuda con Ready4K, envíe **HELP** en un mensaje de texto al 70138 o envíenos un correo electrónico a [support@parentpowered.com](mailto:support@parentpowered.com).

