

SCREENER Series

Easy exercises parents can do with children to help identify speech, language or literacy difficulties.



Series #4: Blending Sounds into Words

Say the individual sounds broken up with a 1 second pause (don't show your child the letters). Ask your child to put the sounds together to find the secret word.

i - n → in	o - ff → off	ou - t → out
l - o - g → log	p - a - ck → pack	sh - i - p → ship
b - l - a - ck → black	h - a - n - d → hand	c - l - i - p → clip

The ability for a child to perceive and manipulate sounds, like in this task, is a foundational skill for reading (called phonological awareness).

Blending sounds into words is crucial for children in kindergarten and grade one (and above) so they can sound out new words.

If your child finds this difficult, connect with us to chat about what we can do to support them!