

Phonetic Reading — Object-to-Word Matching

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child reads labels and matches them to real objects. This bridges reading from an abstract skill to a functional one — reading tells us something about the real world.

What You Need:

- 6-8 small objects (cup, pin, hat, pot, lid, rug, map, nut)
- Word cards for each object
- Mat
- 2 extra word cards without matching objects

Steps:

1. Set out 6-8 small objects on a mat: cup, pin, hat, pot, lid, rug, map, nut.
2. Write each word on a small card or paper strip.
3. 'These cards tell you the NAME of each object. Can you read them and match?'
4. Child picks up a card, reads it aloud, finds the matching object, and places the card beside it.
5. Continue until all objects are labeled.
6. Mix up and repeat.
7. Extension: write 2 labels that DON'T match any object. 'These don't match anything here — what do they say?'

Work Space:

