Naming Sounds

This is the fifth in a series of activities where you name what you see. The difference now is that you say the sound of the letter, not its name. Letters are now words. Before you work with real words you have to know the sound that each letter makes. When you put the sounds together you have longer words. As you practice you will have to say the sounds faster.

Step 1. Letter chart - say the sounds

Click on **Run Activity** at the top of this screen. Click on '**Rows**' and click on '**4 rows**'. Click on **New**. There will be a chart of four rows of letters on the screen. You have to look at the first letter (on the left side) and say the sound it makes. Then say the sound of the next letter. Keep saying the sound that each letter makes across the line and continue for each of the four lines. When you have read all four lines, click on '**New**' at the bottom right of the screen to show four new rows of letters.

Your goal is to say the sound of each letter, line by line without losing your place.

Step 2. Jumping letters

Click on '**Mode**' then click on '**Jumping letters**'. The flash rate will start at 1.6 seconds. Look at the left side of the screen. A letter will come on the screen then disappear. You have to say the sound of that letter. After this, another letter will come on the screen next to where the first letter appeared. Say the sound of this letter. Keep saying the sound of the letters as they come on the screen. Your goal is to say the sound of every letter as it appears on the screen in all four rows. If you can't keep up, decrease the flash rate to 1.8 seconds and try again. Once you can keep up, increase the flash rate again to 1.6 seconds. As you improve, keep increasing the flash rate to 1.4, then 1.2, then 1.0 seconds, etc…

Your goal is to say the sound of each letter at a speed of 0.9 seconds or better.

Step 3. Sounds with a beat

Do not attempt sounds to a beat until you can do jumping letter sounds at a speed of 1.0 second or faster.

Click on '**Mode**' and click on '**To a beat**'. The beat automatically set at 1.0 second. Keep the 'rows' at 4. Now say the sound of each letter across the rows, saying the sound of a letter on every beat. Your helper can change the letters to a new chart when you are finished by clicking on '**New**' at the bottom of the screen.

Your goal is say the sound of each letter, line by line, exactly in time to the beat, without losing your place.