

Sound Patterns

This activity is a lot like word blocks that you did in part 6. You will have to change words by putting sounds in different places. This time there are no blocks to help you work out how the words change.

Step 1. Where is the sound?

Your helper will explain to you that you have to say where you hear a particular sound in a nonsense word. The sound you have to find will either be at the **beginning**, in the **middle** or at the **end** of the word.

For example your helper may say '**Where do you hear the 'd' sound in this word, at the start, in the middle or at the end?**'

(Your helper has to make sure they say the sound the letter makes, not the name of the letter.)

Then you will hear a nonsense word such as **dimbol**.

You would answer that the 'd' sound is at the start of the word.

Now try this game with other nonsense words, where the sound to be located is either at the start, middle or end of the word.

Step 2. Same sound in more than one location in the word

Your helper says a nonsense word that has the sound in more than one place in the word, e.g. '**where do you hear the 'l' sound in this word?**'

Then you hear a word such as **limbol**, or **milbol**.

For the first word the 'l' sound is at the start and at the end of the word, while in the second word the 'l' sound is in the middle and at the end of the word.

Repeat with other nonsense words.

Step 3. Say the word, then ask for the sound

Now the word will be said first, then you are asked to locate the sound in the word.

Now your instructions are **'here is a word, "drizim", was the "z" sound at the start, in the middle, or at the end of the word?'**

Repeat with other nonsense words. Also try this with the sound in more than one place in the word. E.g. **'zerdzim', 'where did you hear the "z" sound?'**

Step 4. Changing sounds

Removing a sound

Your helper will say a nonsense word such as **sperlantoo** and ask you to repeat the word. Then ask you what the word would be if we **took away** the **too** sound. The expected answer is **sperlan**.

Also they could ask what the word would be if the **sper** was taken away, or if the **lan** sound was removed. You will be asked to remove either the first, middle, or last sound in a nonsense word.

Try this with other nonsense words.

Re-arranging sounds

Now your helper says a nonsense word, such as **banwodlet** and asks you to repeat the word. Then you will be asked what the word would be if we took the **let** sound off the end of the word and moved it to the start of the word. Your answer would be **letbanwod**. Try this activity moving the other sounds to different places in the word, e.g. the middle sound to the end (**banletwod**) or the first sound to the middle (**wodbanlet**)...etc.

Try this with other nonsense words.

Adding a sound

You are asked to say a nonsense word e.g. **plimik**. Now what would the word be if we added an **on** sound between the **m** sound and the **ik** sound. The answer would be **plimonik**. You will be asked to add a sound between other sounds in nonsense words.

It is more difficult to add a sound between a consonant blend such as **pl**. E.g. You could add an **er** sound between the **p** and the **l** sound in the word **plimik**. The answer would be **perlimik**. You will be asked to add a sound between a consonant blend in nonsense words.

Try with other nonsense words.

Changing a sound

Say a nonsense word such as **sedvolnub**. Now you **take away** the **ub** sound and **replace** it with the **on** sound. The answer is **sedvolnon**.

Try changing other sounds in the same word. Try this with other nonsense words.

Below are some suggested nonsense syllables to combine to make nonsense words.

Bav, gip, kig, pon, steb, vant, bap, jpg, kip, par, stak
Blaz, grock, kad, per, skib, velk,blon, grib, kom, pom, sted
Blit, kom, pom, velk, varg, blad, glup, klis, pag, sont, vust
Brif, grof, krem, paz, simp, biz, gud, krat, pax, wor, wer
Bud, gil, kif, ped, selp, wax, wak, clob, gend, pel, taf
Clut, gon, kin, pol, teb, cav, gud, krug, pav, tex, wab
Coz, lim, pug, taz, wek, cret, hib , lan, pud, ter, wek
Crig, hin, lax, laz, puz, tor , wim, com, hif, lat, plim
Wif, dod, leb, prok, temp, dav, hap, lep, plig, wed, wen
Daz, hux, lop, prag, denk, min, mog, mer, mel, munt, mest
Fim, jip, rud, tix, yax, yig, zon, zar, zik, zip, nad