

Continuum of Phonological and Phonemic Awareness
Degree of Difficulty

Type:	Subtype:	Example:
Phonological Awareness Continuum		
Rhyme	Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Does cat rhyme with hat? (yes)</i>
	Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What rhymes with cat? (hat)</i>
Alliteration	Recognizing words with the same initial sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Daisy duck dances</i> • <i>Sweet Suzie sits on a soft sofa</i>
Sentence Segments	Words in sentences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How many words are in this sentence? Mary bakes bread. (3)</i>
Syllables	Blending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Listen to the two word parts: Side...walk. Say the whole word: (sidewalk)</i> • <i>Listen: yes...ter...day. Say the whole word: (yesterday)</i>
	Segmenting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Say the two words in sidewalk. (side...walk)</i> • <i>Listen: yesterday. Say each part: yes...ter...day</i>
	Deletion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Say sidewalk without side. (walk)</i>
Onset and Rimes	Blending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What word is this? /c/.../ake/ (cake)</i> • <i>/st/.../and/ (stand), /fl/.../ip/ (flip)</i>
Phonemic Awareness Continuum		
Phoneme	Matching initial sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Which words begin with the same sound? Cake, cat, dog (cake & cat)</i>
	Isolating initial sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the first sound in cake? (/c/)</i>
	Final sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the last sound in bat? (/t/)</i>
	Medial sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the middle sound in fat? (/a/)</i>
Phoneme	Blending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What word am I saying? /c/ /a/ /t/ (cat)</i>
Phoneme	Segmenting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How many sounds do you hear in cat? (3)</i> • <i>What are the sounds in cat? (/c/ /a/ /t/)</i>
Phoneme Manipulation	Initial and final phoneme deletion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Say Sam without the /s/. (am)</i> • <i>Say seat without the /t/. (sea)</i>
	Initial phoneme in blend deletion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Say flip without the /f/. (lip)</i>
	Phoneme Substitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Say cat. Now say /p/ instead of /c/. What's the new word? (pat)</i> • <i>Say tan. Now say /p/ instead of /n/. (tap)</i> • <i>Say tap. Now say /o/ instead of /a/. (top)</i>
	Second Phoneme in Blend Deletion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Say black without the /l/. (back)</i>