

PARTY ON

Hip Hop Game

Supplies Needed

Foam feet, index cards or sticky notes

Activity #1 (easy)

Give your child a short sentence. Ask him/her to repeat the sentence while walking or jumping on a footprint for each word. Ask your child to count the words in the sentence.

When you think your child is ready, challenge him/her by introducing longer sentences or adding in words with more than one syllable.

Activity #2 (harder)

Give your child a 2 or 3 part word. Ask him/her to repeat the word while stepping or jumping on a footprint for each part. Examples: bathtub, football, upset, repeat, muffin, basketball and fantastic.

Activity #3 (hardest)

Give your child a 3-sound word. Ask him/her to segment each sound while stepping or jumping. When ready, increase the number of sounds to 4, then 5 sounds.

Why play this game?

In kindergarten or 1st grade, children who easily segment words or word parts (syllables) into their individual sounds have a strong start for reading.

Activity #1 teaches that sentences are made up of individual words.

Activity #2 teaches that words are made up of one or more parts (syllables). Some words have only one part (sun) and some have more than one part (sunset).

Activity #3 teaches that each part, or syllable, is made up of individual sounds (phonemes).

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