

WORD CHAINS

A **small** structured phonics
routine
that makes a **big** impact

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Directions:

1. Say the starting word aloud: EG: "the word is ship"
2. Students write or build the word (use pencil and paper, marker and whiteboard, movable alphabet letters and sound boxes.
3. Students tap and say each sound /sh/ /i/ /p/
4. Blend the sounds together: ship
5. Give the next word (go down the column, some columns run on and some start a new word chain)
6. Repeat the process: tap sounds in new word, blend the word, write/build it

Tip: Ask questions like "Which sound changed? Where do you hear it?" linking phonemes to graphemes (orthographic mapping)

Word Chain Lists: SHORT VOWELS

can

fan

fin

fit

sit

sat

hat

hot

had

hid

rid

rip

nip

nap

tap

top

jet

net

wet

bet

beg

leg

led

red

nut

hut

gut

got

dot

dog

log

lob

Word Chain Lists: SHORT VOWELS

cat

bat

bet

bed

bad

dad

did

dig

dog

dot

cot

cut

cup

pup

pop

mop

map

man

men

hen

pen

pin

tin

tan

vet

met

mat

vat

van

jan

jam

yam

Word Chain Lists: DIGRAPHS

ship

shop

chop

chap

chat

that

than

thin

shin

chin

chip

whip

whap

whep

whem

them

fish

dish

dash

lash

lush

luck

lick

sick

quick

kick

tick

tock

sock

song

long

gong

Word Chain Lists: DIGRAPHS

sing

wing

thing

ding

dong

long

lang

fang

luck

duck

dock

shock

jock

jack

quack

quad

shut

shot

shop

chop

chip

whip

whim

shim

neck

deck

check

chuck

buck

book

cook

took

Word Chain Lists: SHORT VOWEL POINTERS

buzz

fuzz

fizz

dizz

diss

miss

mass

match

latch

hatch

hitch

pitch

pick

pill

pull

full

fall

ball

call

tall

hall

wall

mall

yall

yell

tell

well

bell

bill

will

well

sell

Word Chain Lists: SHORT VOWEL POINTERS

peck	ditch	gloss	shell
pack	witch	glass	tell
lack	watch	class	tall
luck	batch	clack	small
lick	botch	clock	smell
liss	boss	block	swell
less	moss	slock	swill
mess	floss	shock	switch

Word Chain Lists: BLENDS

flag

flap

clap

clip

slip

slim

slam

clam

trick

track

crack

crank

drank

drink

brink

bring

stamp

stump

slump

clump

clamp

clasp

clask

flask

spell

spill

still

skill

skin

skink

slink

stink

Word Chain Lists: BLENDS

slug

slog

flog

flag

flash

flush

slush

blush

drum

dram

tram

bram

bran

gran

grass

brass

broth

breath

brith

bring

cling

fling

sling

slick

swim

swam

swamp

stamp

stomp

stop

slop

plop

Word Chain Lists: BLENDS

vest

rest

test

pest

past

pant

rant

rent

lamp

damp

ramp

vamp

vimp

limp

lisp

list

deft

left

lift

lint

hint

hunt

hund

hand

rusk

dusk

desk

dask

bask

band

bend

send

Word Chain Lists: BLENDS

blimp

climp

clamp

clump

slump

plump

prump

trump

bland

blend

spend

spent

stent

stint

sting

stink

frost

brost

brist

brisk

trisk

trist

trust

crust

drift

dreft

cleft

clest

crest

cress

crash

trash

Word Chain Lists: VCe

cake

cape

tape

take

bake

base

bale

whale

dine

pine

mine

mile

while

file

fine

five

bone

cone

coke

joke

poke

pole

hole

mole

dune

tune

tube

cube

cute

cure

pure

sure

Word Chain Lists: VCe

shade

shake

snake

stake

stale

state

crate

crane

spice

slice

slime

grime

gripe

tripe

tribe

trite

slope

clope

clone

slone

stone

scone

lone

alone

drift

dreft

cleft

clest

crest

cress

crash

trash

Word Chain Lists: VCe

blame

flame

flume

flute

fluke

flake

Blake

blade

spade

spide

spine

spike

spoke

stoke

stole

stove

clove

cleve

Steve

Eve

ove

grove

grave

brave

blaze

glaze

graze

grate

crate

crane

crame

crime

Word Chain Lists: VOWEL TEAMS

play

pray

cray

bray

brain

train

trait

trail

snail

nail

mail

meal

meat

neat

beat

beach

peach

pea

tea

tie

shy

cry

fry

fly

flow

float

bloat

boat

bow

tow

low

load



Word Chain Lists: VOWEL TEAMS

night

fight

fright

fry

try

tree

gree

agree

blow

flow

glow

grow

know

snow

sneak

sneeze

freeze

cheese

please

plead

bleed

lead

load

loaf

might

sight

sigh

lie

pie

tie

tied

fried



Word Chain Lists: DIPHTHONGS

took

shook

spook

spoon

spool

spoil

soil

coil

coin

cow

how

now

bow

brow

brown

drown

round

mound

sound

pound

ground

group

soup

soip

might

sight

sigh

lie

pie

tie

tied

fried

Word Chain Lists: DIPHTHONGS

book

cook

cool

fool

foil

boil

soil

soy

toy

joy

boy

boil

toil

town

gown

brown

crown

clown

cloud

proud

shout

scout

scoop

soup

moon

soon

spoon

broon

froon

frown

fawn

dawn