

Really Good Stuff® Teaching Guide

EZread™ Magnetic Sound Box Mats and Chips

Congratulations on your purchase of the Really Good Stuff® **EZread™ Magnetic Sound Box Mats and Chips** —a useful educational tool for teaching very early emergent readers to learn to hear and identify the number of phonemes in words.

Objective

Students will isolate and blend the sounds in spoken words.

Meeting Common Core State Standards

The Really Good Stuff® **EZread™ Magnetic Sound Box Mats and Chips** aligns with the following English Language Arts Standard:

Phonological Awareness

RF.K.2d Isolate and pronounce the initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in three-phoneme (consonant-vowel-consonant, or CVC) words.

RF.1.2c Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.

This Really Good Stuff® product includes:

- 11 *Magnetic Sound Box Mats* (3 two-, 3 three-, 4 four-, and 1 five-sound boxes)
- 22 *Magnetic Chips*
- This Really Good Stuff® Teaching Guide

Managing EZread™ Magnetic Sound Box Mats and Chips

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Teaching With EZread™ Magnetic Sound Box Mats and Chips

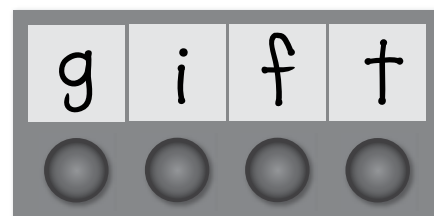
The materials in this kit can be used to teach phonemic awareness to very beginning readers in a variety of settings: one-on-one, small-group, or large-group.

Elkonin boxes, commonly referred to as sound boxes, are a visual and kinesthetic way to help students “see” and hear the individual sound elements in words. The boxes are rows of squares, with spaces below for plastic chips to be placed. Students “push” a small chip into each box to represent each phonemic element they hear. It is important to note that students at the very early stages of literacy should be presented with the same number of boxes as there are phonemes in each word. For example, the word, “hat,” needs three boxes because it contains three phonemes: /h/a/t/. The word, “that” may have four letters, but it contains only three phonemes: /th/a/t/, so it also would need three boxes. Only phonetically “regular” words are used in these activities.

Instructional Format

It is suggested that you focus on one short vowel and two to four consonants to begin the sound-box activity. While modeling the sounds for the students, also model how to push the chips into the appropriate set of boxes as you slowly say the sounds in each word. Use “two-box” words until students master how to “stretch out” a word into its respective sounds while pushing the chips. As students’ proficiency improves, introduce a different vowel and additional consonants. Keep the pace brisk, and make sure that the students understand not to stop between sounds.

Additionally, since the *Magnetic Sound Box Mats* can be written on with dry-erase markers, you can extend this activity by writing the letters of the sounds as your students identify them.

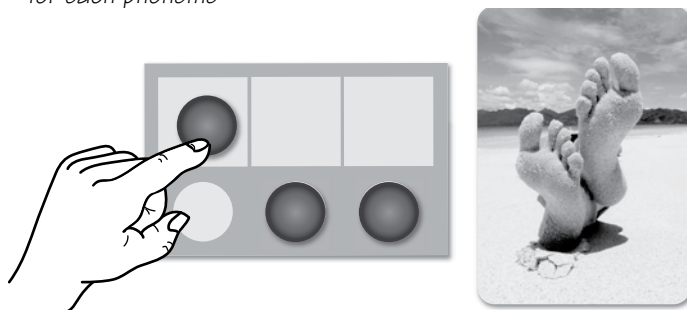


Instructional Sequence

If you are using this kit with our *Phoneme Photo Cards*, use the instructional suggestions in that guide. With very early readers, start with just one phonemic position (beginning sound). As students become more proficient, proceed to ending sounds, then short-vowel sounds. Finish by blending two-, three-, and four-phoneme words. A five-phoneme sound box has been included for those students who need an extra challenge.

feet.../f/ee/t

student slides one chip at a time as the sounds are spoken for each phoneme



If you are not using our *Phoneme Photo Cards*, use the lists of words on the back for each vowel.

Related Really Good Stuff® Products

- How Many Phonemes? Spin Game (#304092)
- EZread™ Sound Box Mats and Chips (#305752)
- Phoneme Photo Cards (#305746)
- EZread™ Sound Box Small-Group Kit (#305745)
- Phoneme Photo Puzzles (#305730)

All teaching guides can be found online.

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Suggested Words for the Sound Boxes:

Short "a" Words	slab	span	wet	yes	rib	rid	cot	dot	jut	lug
Two-Box Words	slam	slap	yet	Ken	rim	sip	fox	got	mud	mug
at	slat	snap	vet	hen	sit	six	hop	hot	mum	muff
an	stab	swag	leg	wed	tin	tip	job	jog	nun	nut
ad	than	that	Three-Box		win	zip	jot	log	pun	pup
am	tram	trap	Words with Blends/		wit	tin	lop	lot	rub	rug
ax	back	bath	Digraphs		rib	his	mob	mop	rum	run
as	fast	gash	bred	bled	fill	miss	nod	not	rut	sub
ash	hack	Jack	fret	glen	pill	Tim	pot	rob	tub	tug
Three-Box Words	last	mash	shed	sled	wig	dig	rot	sob	Three-Box	
act	and	mask	sped	stem	Three-Box		sod	sop	Words with	
ant	bad	path	step	them	Words with Blends/		top	tot	Digraphs	
bag	bat	rash	then	when	Digraphs		gob	cod	club	chum
cab	can	tack	belt	bent	brim	chin	pod	rod	drub	drug
cap	cat	vast	best	cent	chip	slip	dog	fog	drum	glum
dad	dab	bland	dent	desk	drip	blip	hog	lox	glut	grub
Dan	dam	class	felt	jest	flit	flip	pox	bop	plug	plum
fan	fat	clack	peck	neck	grin	grim	mom		plus	shun
gab	gag	flash	nest	pest	grip	prim	Three-Box		shut	smug
gap	gas	scram	rest	test	shin	ship	Words with		stub	stun
had	has	smash	vest	fresh	skid	skim	Blends/Digraphs		thud	thus
hat	hag	Four-Box Words	shelf	melt	skin	skip	block	clod	buck	bump
jab	jam	band	spend	speck	slid	slip	frog	flog	bust	duck
lad	lap	pant	vest	sled	slit	snip	chop	drop	dust	dusk
lag	lax	ramp	Four-Box Words		spin	thin	blot	clog	gush	hush
mat	mad	sand	help	lent	this	trim	clock	spot	just	luck
map	mad	black	melt	spend	trip	twig	stock	trot	much	mush
nab	Nat	clasp	self	rent	twin	whip	shop	crop	rush	rust
nag	pad	grant	bench	blend	whiz	dish	trod	shot	such	tuck
pal	pan	scant	trend	quench	disk	fish	smog	plot	tusk	blunt
pat	rag	stamp	shelf	spent	fist	kick	slot	flop	blush	rush
ram	ran	splash	Short "i" Words		lick	rich	prop	prod	brush	chuck
rap	rat	ranch	Two-Box Words		sick	wish	plod	shock	crush	struck
sad	sag	blast	if		with	mist	lock	block	stuck	trust
sap	sat	hand	in		risk	crisp	prom	from	thrush	thrust
tab	tan	Short "e" Words	is		knit	brim	stock		brush	
tag	tap	Two-Box Words	it		grill	skill	Four-Box Words		Four-Box Words	
tax	van	Ed	Three-Box Words		risk	chill	stomp	prompt	hunt	jump
wag	wax	egg	imp	bib	brisk	crisp	clomp	pond	lump	grunt
yak	yam	Three-Box Words	bid	big	click	twist	fond	chomp	clump	blunt
yap		elf	bin	bit	Four-Box Words		Short "u" Words		stunt	thump
Three-Box		elm	did	dig	gift	milk	Two-Box Words		bunch	munch
Words with Blends/		bed	dim	din	chimp	squid	us		lunch	
Digraphs		bet	dip	fib	clump	grunt	up			
blab	Brad	fed	fin	dip	slump		Three-Box Words			
brag	bran	hen	fib	fit			bud	bug		
brat	chap	jet	hid	him	Short "o" Words		bun	bus		
chat	clap	led	hip	his	Two-Box Words		but	bum		
clam	clan	let	hit	jig	on		cub	cup		
crab	cram	met	kid	kin	ox		cut	dug		
drag	dram	pen	kit	lid	odd		fun	gum		
flag	flap	pet	lip	lit	Three-Box Words		gun	hub		
flat	flax	set	mix	pig	bog	Bob	hug	hum		
glad	grab	web	pin	pit	box	cob	hut	jug		
scan	sham				cog	cop				