



Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening

Pre-K

Kindergarten

Grades 1–3

# Pick an Apple off the Tree

Phonological Awareness / Sound-to-Letter Segmentation



## Materials

1. Apple template
2. Big cardboard apple tree
3. List of 1-syllable words



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## Procedure

1. Put the cardboard tree in the middle of the floor and place the apple cards on the tree.
2. Tell the children that you are hungry and you want them to help you pick some apples off the tree.
3. Explain that in order to pick apples, the children must count the number of phonemes in each of the words you call out.
4. Say a 1-syllable word like “pig”.
5. Ask a volunteer to divide the word into phonemes (/p/ /i/ /g/) and count the number of phonemes in the words. If the student is correct, he or she can pick that number of apples off the tree.
6. Continue procedure with more words.

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