



Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening

Pre-K

Kindergarten

Grades 1-3

Turtle Talk

Back to Blending



Materials

1. Turtle Talk Activity Sheet
2. Craft sticks
3. Crayons or markers
4. Glue
5. Words from current readings

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K.4, 1.6

Procedure

1. This activity helps children “stretch out” words to hear how the phonemes blend together. Give a turtle picture to each child. Have him/her color and glue the turtle picture to a craft stick.
2. Explain to children that since turtles move very slowly and deliberately, they must also talk very s-l-o-w-l-y. Declare “Turtle Time” and say words slowly, articulating each sound. Have children slowly move their Turtle Talk sticks from left to right as they repeat and “stretch out” each word.

Source: Fitzpatrick, J. (1997). *Phonemic awareness: Playing with sounds to strengthen beginning reading skills*. Cyprus, CA: Creative Teaching Press, 30.

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