

ABC Phonemic Awareness and Phonics

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Introduction



Overview

This Interactive CD contains activities that help students recognize the sounds that form familiar words. Each activity concentrates on phonemes, the building blocks of language, and lets students practice matching those phonemes to illustrations of recognizable words. Rhyming words, beginning sounds, and sounding out words are the three focuses of these activities. As students see the relationships between the sounds that make up words, they form a better understanding of the spoken language, which leads to better reading comprehension. Students will develop great enthusiasm for words while using the activities as they experiment and advance their phoneme-awareness skills.

Getting Started

Macintosh Users

1. Insert the CD-ROM into the drive.
2. When the CD icon appears on the desktop, double-click the icon to open it.
3. Choose one of the six activity folders and double-click to open it.
4. Open the activity (Adobe Flash file) by double-clicking it.

Windows Users

1. Insert the CD-ROM into the drive.
2. Locate the CD-ROM drive on My Computer.
3. Double-click the drive to open it.
4. Choose one of the six activity folders and double-click to open it.
5. Open the activity (Adobe Flash file) by double-clicking it.

See page 16 for more detailed instructions on how to navigate the activities.

Beginning Sounds



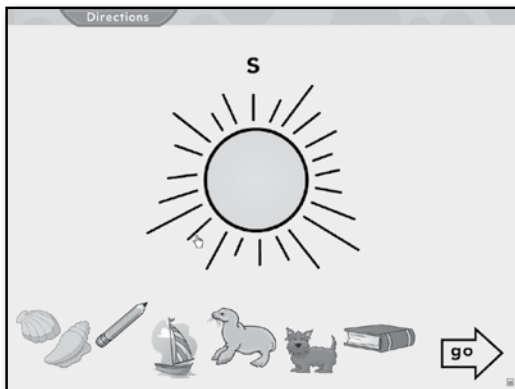
Procedures:

1. Open the *Beginning Sounds* interactive whiteboard activity file. This activity does not require the tool bar. If you need the tool bar, click on the blue square in the bottom right-hand corner to maximize it.
2. Touch or click on the **Directions tab** to reveal the directions. Read the directions aloud.
3. Touch or click on the letter at the top of the screen to hear its sound. Then click the weather image in the center of the screen to hear the word read aloud.
4. Ask the child to look at the pictures at the bottom of the screen. Name each picture.
Screen #1: seashells, pencil, sailboat, seal, dog, book
Screen #2: dog, raindrop, rabbit, book, pencil, ring
Screen #3: watch, book, pencil, window, walrus, dog
5. Ask the child which words begin with the same sound as the letter at the top of the screen. Have him or her touch or click on the pictures with the same beginning sound and move them onto the weather image.
6. Continue this process with the remaining pictures at the bottom of the screen.
7. When all of the correct pictures have been sorted by initial sound, ask the child to touch or click on the **go arrow** to move to the next screen. (Use the **back arrow** if needed.)
8. Continue this process with the remaining screens.
9. To extend this activity, ask the child to name other words that begin with the same sound as the letter on the screen. You may wish to list these words on chart paper and have him or her draw pictures of them. Or, you may wish to maximize the tool bar and have the child use the **draw tool** to draw each picture.

Beginning Sounds (cont.)



Sample Screens



Navigating the Activities



How to View the Activity Directions

Directions are provided within each interactive whiteboard activity. To view the directions, touch or click the **Directions tab** at the top left of the activity. To minimize the directions, touch or click the **Directions tab** again.

How to Use the Tool Bar

A tool bar can be accessed from within each activity. It contains all the tools needed to complete the activities. To open the tool bar, touch or click the blue square in the bottom right-hand corner of the activity. The tools include the **move tool**, **draw tool**, **drag/zoom tool**, **highlight tool**, **notebook tool**, and **eraser tool**. With the **draw** and **highlight tools**, you can change colors and size as desired.

***Note:** To change the tool you are using, click on the tool you are using again to deselect it.*

How to Reset the Activity

Once a child has completed an activity, you can reset the activity so that the child can practice again or another child can begin the activity. To reset the activity, press the right-click button and choose **Play** from the pop-up menu. (If you are using a single-button mouse, press and hold the **CTRL** button and then select **Play** from the pop-up menu.)

How to Exit the Activity

To exit the activity, press the **ESC** button and then close the window.