

# Introduction

*Phonological Awareness Chipper Chat*® is a comprehensive resource of activities and games designed to improve phonological awareness skills at the word, syllable, and phoneme level. The set targets 12 different phonological awareness skills appropriate for students who are pre-readers to students who have acquired some reading skills, but need additional assistance in the area of phonological awareness. *Phonological Awareness Chipper Chat*® is designed so the teacher or therapist can readily begin working with the student at the specific skill and level that is warranted.

The specific skills included are:

1. Discrimination of Rhyming Words
2. Production of Rhyming Words
3. Segmentation of Words in Sentences
4. Blending of Syllables
5. Segmentation of Syllables
6. Deletion of Syllables
7. Identification of Phonemes
8. Blending of Phonemes
9. Segmentation of Phonemes
10. Deletion of Phonemes
11. Addition of Phonemes
12. Manipulation of Phonemes

*Phonological Awareness Chipper Chat*® includes 60 individual game boards (5 skill-specific game boards for each of the 12 different skill areas.) This allows for up to five students to work on the same skill at one time. Because each game board has the same number of chip spaces, the game boards can be mixed and matched allowing unlimited flexibility with different groups of students. The accompanying workbook provides a total of 5,400 target items for the 12 areas of phonological awareness. Each skill area contains 450 target items and is written in a hierarchical manner with three levels of difficulty.

Each lesson provides a handy “check-off” format that allows the teacher/therapist to easily track student progress for each phonological awareness skill. The reproducible Record Sheet provides a means to track student progress and skill mastery across all game boards and activities.

*Phonological Awareness Chipper Chat*® is a comprehensive teaching tool. As a convenience for the teacher/SLP there are 12 Quick Assessments included - one for each phonological awareness skill area. These Quick Assessments:

- provide a benchmark for each student.
- make it easy to identify the specific level of skill in which a student needs instruction or remediation.
- clearly identify the objective of each level for each skill.
- identify emerging skills.
- provide documentation of mastery of skills.

*Phonological Awareness Chipper Chat*® centers around the use of individual game boards, chips, and a magnetic wand. Students earn chips to place on the game board as they respond to the prompts read aloud by the teacher or therapist. As the game progresses, the students fill the game boards with chips. The excitement continues through the end of the game when students see the chips “fly” up to the magnetic wand! *Phonological Awareness Chipper Chat*® provides a fun format for students as they work to improve their phonological awareness skills.

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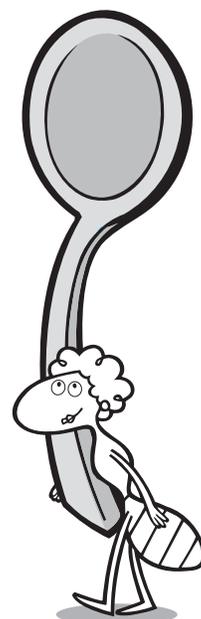
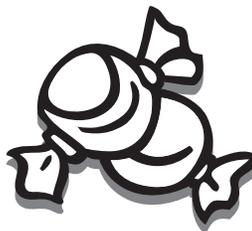
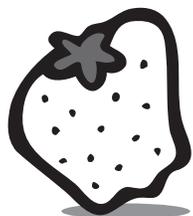
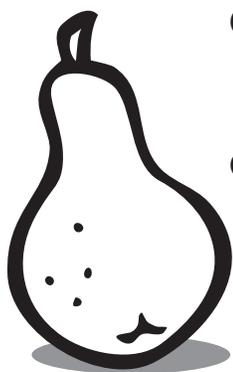
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# Directions for Play

**Object of the Game:** To be the first student to cover all of the spaces on his/her game board with chips.

**Directions for Play:** Each student is given an individual game board. The teacher/SLP begins by giving the student an overview of the game board explaining any concepts needed. After the student practices the desired phonological awareness skill, he/she rolls the die. He/she receives the number of chips that corresponds to the number on the die. He/she then covers that number of spaces on his/her game board. Play continues with the student to his/her left. When fewer than three spaces remain, the player must roll a number equal to or less than the number of spaces left on his/her game board to receive chips. Because the student practices the phonological awareness task before he/she rolls, no one ever misses out on a speech opportunity. The first student to cover all of the spaces with the chips is the winner. Then all students get to pick up their chips with the magnetic wand.

Board Number	Board Name	Targeted Skill
1	Munch-a-Lunch	Discrimination of Rhyming Words
2	Joe and Flo's Rainbow	Production of Rhyming Words
3	Word Wagons	Segmentation of Words in Sentences
4	Syllable Surfing	Blending Syllables
5	Syllable Sub Shop	Segmentation of Syllables
6	Tug-a-Word	Deletion of Syllables
7	Mittens for Monsters	Identification of Phonemes
8	Cora's Caterpillars	Blending Phonemes
9	Bats and Hats	Segmentation of Phonemes
10	Sneaker Sound Snatchers	Deletion of Phonemes
11	Word Building Beavers	Addition of Phonemes
12	Sound Swappers	Manipulation of Phonemes