

Really Good Stuff® Teaching Guide

EZread™ Sound Box Mats and Chips

Congratulations on your purchase of the Really Good Stuff® **EZread™ 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™ 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:

- 18 Sound Box Mats (6 each of 2-, 3-, and 4-sound-box cards)
- 60 Plastic Chips
- This Really Good Stuff® Teaching Guide

Managing EZread™ Sound Box Mats and Chips

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Teaching With EZread™ Sound Box Mats and Chips

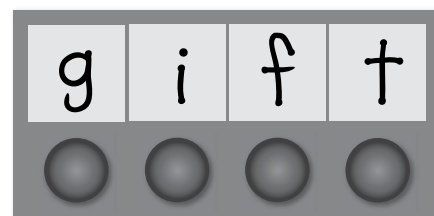
The materials in this kit can be used to teach phonemic awareness to very beginning readers in a variety of settings: one-on-one, small-group, or large-group.

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.

For an additional challenge, provide students with appropriate letter tiles for the same words. Again, model sounding out each word as you push the letter tiles into the appropriate boxes.



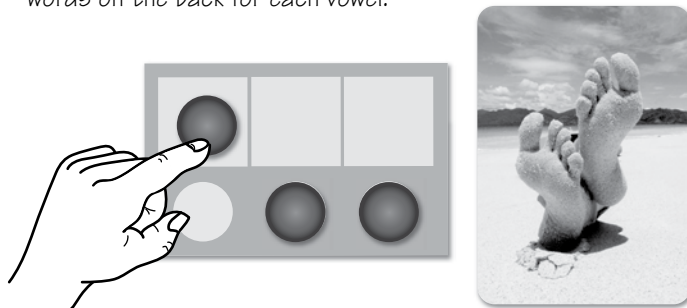
Instructional Sequence

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- and three-phoneme words.

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

- EZread™ Letter Tiles (#301985)
- How Many Phonemes? Spin Game (#304092)
- EZread™ Sound Box Kit (#303324)
- 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	wit tin	lop lot	rub rug
ax	back bath	Blends/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 mast	sped stem	Three-Box	sod sop	Words with
ant bad	path past	step them	Words with	top tot	Blends/Digraphs
bag bat	rash sack	then when	Blends/Digraphs	gob cod	club chum
cab can	tack task	belt bent	brim chin	pod rod	drub drug
cap cat	vast black	best cent	chip slip	dog fog	drum glum
dad dab	bland blast	dent desk	drip blip	hog lox	glut grub
Dan dam	class crash	felt jest	flit flip	pox bop	plug plum
fan fat	clack crack	peck neck	grin grim	mom	plus shun
gab gag	flash quack	nest pest	grip prim	Three-Box	shut smug
gap gas	scram shack	rest test	shin ship	Words with	stub stun
had has	smash snack	vest fresh	skid skim	Blends/Digraphs	thud thus
hat hag	Four-Box Words	shelf melt	skin skip	block clod	buck bump
jab jam	band camp	spend speck	slid slip	frog flog	bust duck
lad lap	pant raft	vest sled	slit snip	chop drop	dust dusk
lag lax	ramp rant	Four-Box Words	spin thin	blot clog	gush hush
mat mad	sand taps	help lent	this trim	clock spot	just luck
map mad	black chant	melt spend	trip twig	stock trot	much mush
nab Nat	clasp grasp	self rent	twin whip	shop crop	rush rust
nag pad	grant plant	bench blend	whiz dish	trod shot	such tuck
pal pan	scant slant	trend quench	disk fish	smog plot	tusk blunt
pat rag	stamp branch	shelf spent	fist kick	slot flop	blush rush
ram ran	splash strand	Short "i" Words	lick rich	prop prod	brush chuck
rap rat	ranch cramp	Two-Box Words	sick wish	plod shock	crush struck
sad sag	blast champ	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 elk	bin bit	Four-Box Words	Short "u" Words	stunt thump
Three-Box	elm end	did dig	gift milk	Two-Box Words	bunch munch
Words with Blends/	bed beg	dim din	chimp squid	us	lunch
Digraphs	bet den	dip fib	clump grunt	up	
blab Brad	fed get	fin dip	slump	Three-Box Words	
brag bran	hen hem	fib fit	Short "o" Words	bud bug	
brat chap	jet keg	hid him	Two-Box Words	bun bus	
chat clap	led leg	hip his	on	but bum	
clam clan	let men	hit jig	ox	cub cup	
crab cram	met net	kid kin	odd	cut dug	
drag dram	pen pep	kit lid	Three-Box Words	fun gum	
flag flap	pet red	lip lit	bog Bob	gun hub	
flat flax	set ten	mix pig	box cob	hug hum	
glad grab	web wed	pin pit	cog cop	hut jug	
scan sham					