

Elkonin (Sound) Boxes

Focus Area: Phonemic Awareness

Timing: 5-10 minutes

Materials:

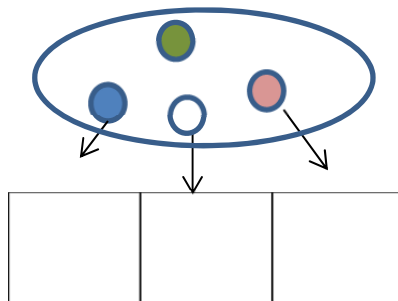
- Elkonin Boxes card for each student
- Set of multi-colored counters (i.e., chips) for each student
- List of appropriate words (and when needed corresponding pictures) for teacher

Procedure:

1. Give the student a sheet with 2-5 boxes (or have him/her draw the boxes on a dry erase board).
2. Distribute 5-6 different colored counters. Have the student place the counters within the oval located above the boxes. Model the activity with 3-5 words before having the student participate with you. Then, have the student do it on his/her own.
3. For each phoneme within the spoken word, the student “says and moves” the counter into the appropriate box (progressing from left-to-right OR from beginning-to-medial-to ending sounds).

EXAMPLE:

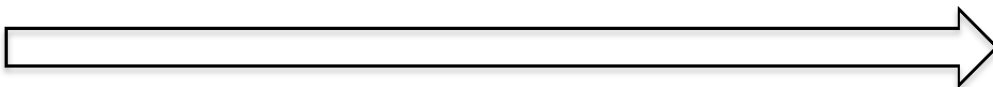
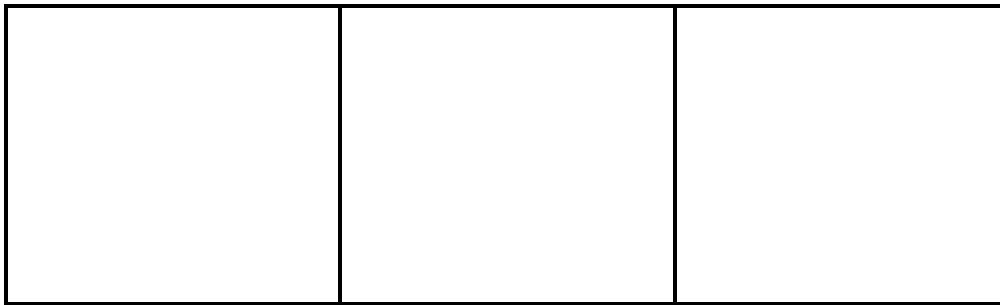
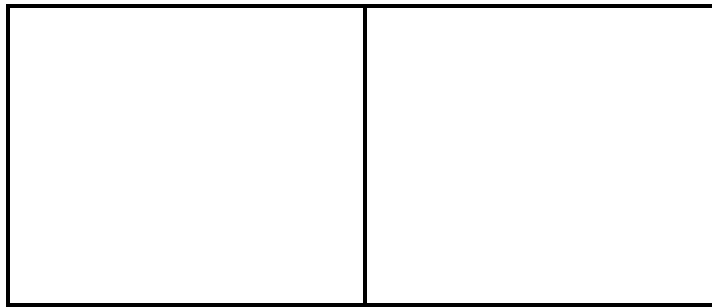
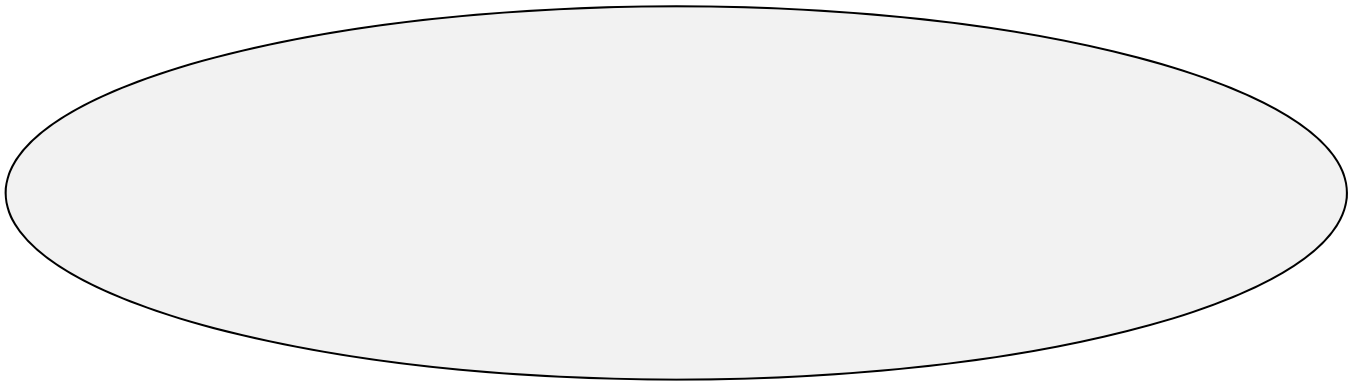
- Say the word “sat.”
- The student says /s/ and moves a counter into the first box (beginning sound). The student then says /a/ and moves a different colored counter into the second box (medial sound). Finally, the student says /t/ and moves the final counter into the third box (ending sound).
- The student finishes by saying the entire word “sat” while sliding his/her fingers along the arrow (from left-to-right) located underneath the boxes.



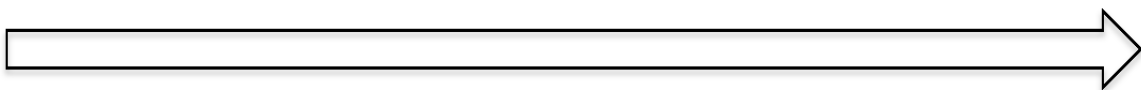
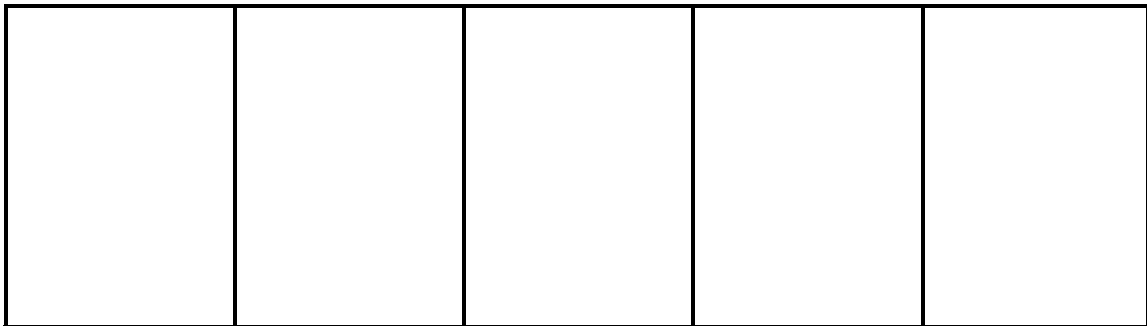
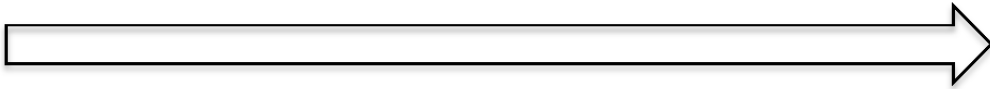
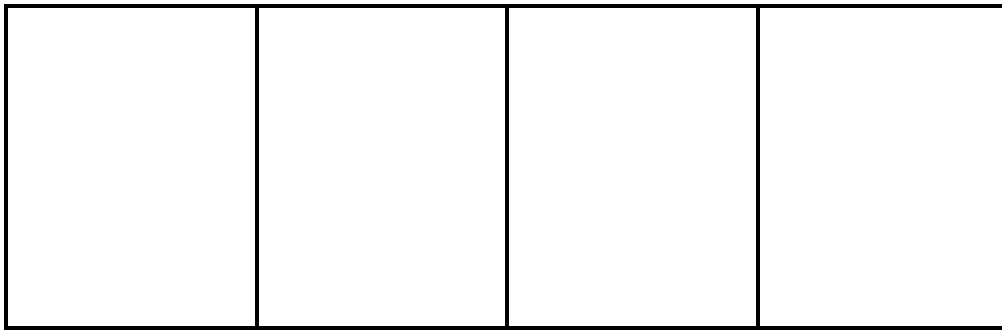
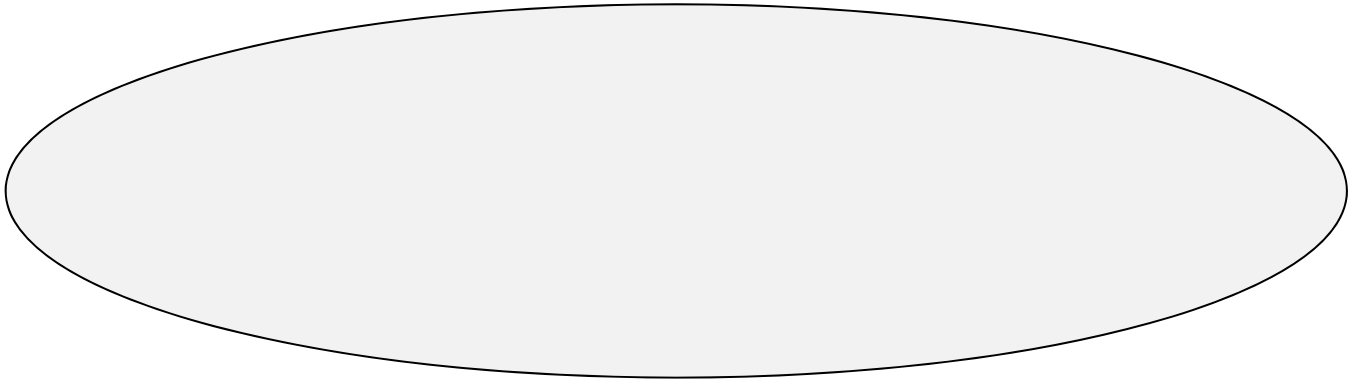
Scaffold:

- *For students who need extra support, provide them with a picture which represents the target word.*

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Word Lists for Sound Segmentation Activities

2-3 sound words – beginning with continuous sounds

2 phoneme words	at	me	in	it
	on	no	so	
3 phoneme words	sit	nap	nip	sat
	lap	lid	fat	fog
	fig	sag	mop	map
	mat	leg	net	set
	rub	rig	rib	lot
	not	let	net	rug
	rag	vet	zip	ran
	man	fan	win	sun
	fun	fin	sip	sad
3 phoneme words – beginning with a consonant digraph	ship	shot	thin	
3 phoneme words – ending with a consonant digraph	sock	miss	mitt	
3 phoneme words – long vowels	make	save	same	fame
	mice	nice	line	rope
	mean	rice	face	late
	soap	fake		
3- phoneme words – beginning digraph and long vowels	shave	shake		

Word Lists for Sound Segmentation Activities

3 phoneme words – beginning with stop sounds

3 phoneme words, beginning with stop sounds	kid	kit	bag	big
	got	tan	ten	cup
	pin	top	cat	tap
	pit	pat	tip	tin
	cap	pot	dot	pal
3 phoneme words beginning with a stop digraph	whip	chip	chop	chin
	chat	chill	kiss	tell
3 phoneme words- with long vowels	game	cape	time	kite

Word Lists for Sound Segmentation Activities

4 phoneme words – beginning with continuous sounds				
4 phoneme words, continuous blends in the beginning	flop	slip	sled	frog
	flag	nest	stick	spin
	snap	flat	slam	swam
	slick	slim	stem	step
4 phoneme words – beginning continuous sound blends in the final position	mask	fast	last	rust
	rest	west	fact	lamp
	ramp	land	sand	lift
	milk	silk	limp	mint
	fist	list	mist	must
	sent	went	wept	vest
	left	felt	melt	send
4 phoneme words – beginning with stop sounds				
4 phoneme words, beginning with stop sounds; blends in the initial position	plum	clam	plan	grab
	glad	clap	plan	crib
	club	plug		
4 phoneme words, beginning with stop sounds; blends in the final position	past	test	best	camp
	hint	disk	bump	dump
	jump	pump	dust	just
	pest	kept		

Word Lists for Sound Segmentation Activities

5 phoneme words – beginning with continuous sounds

5 phoneme words, continuous blends in the beginning	slant	flank	scrap	strap
	scratch	spend	slept	shrink
	thrift	frisk	frost	stomp
	scrub	shrunk	scrape	scream
	stamp	stand	stress	spring
	stink	split	strong	stripe

5 phoneme words – beginning with stop sounds

5 phoneme words – stop sounds in the beginning	plant	blank	blend	crept
	drink	print	drift	blond
	clump	crunch	grunt	trust
	cramp	bland	grand	brand
	clamp	blast	craft	prank
	draft	blink	brisk	twist
	crisp	plump	grunt	crust