

Explicit teaching of functional letter clusters such as onset and rimes to low achieving readers improves prose reading ability.

Session Outline – Onset and Rimes

Activity	Task Description	Time
Rhyming Activities (including pseudowords)	<p>Introduce rime for current session using flash cards displaying rime in a variety of fonts (Times New Roman, Comic Sans MS and Victorian Modern Cursive).</p> <p>Using computer, students record on individual Word document any words with same ending.</p> <p>Both students interact with each other to provide support.</p> <p>Word document printed at time of session.</p> <p>If an error is made, tell student with an appropriate explanation.</p>	10 mins
Rhyming Activities (using printed copy)	<p>Using document printed distinguish between pseudowords, known words and unknown words.</p> <p>Appropriate explanation given for the meaning of unknown words.</p>	10 mins
Reading and Discrimination	<p>Students provided with a chart marked: Sound of the day:</p> <p>Different sound ending:</p> <p>Students also provided with a variety of flash cards displaying three, four and five letter words formed from ten specified rime units. Students to place flashcards in appropriate section.</p> <p>If an error is made, tell student with an appropriate explanation.</p>	5 mins
Text Reading	<p>Students read passage selected from Decodable Texts and highlight the designated rime unit for current session. If Text is being used again students highlight any words with known word endings-.</p> <p>Students cued that they will have to retell the story.</p> <p>New rime unit for next session introduced</p>	5 mins
Reflective	Teacher to record students response to: Today I found out that.....	5 mins

Rime units and words used on flashcards.

Rime unit	3 letter words	4 letter words	5 letter words
2 letter – 2 sound rime units			
aw	jaw, law, paw, raw, saw,	claw, draw,	straw
3 letter- 2 sound rime units			
ell	bell, dell, fell, Nell, sell, tell, well	shell, spell	
ick	Dick, lick, Mick, Nick, pick, Rick, sick, tick, wick	brick, click, chick, flick, prick, slick, thick, trick, stick, 'spick'	
3 letter- 3 sound rime units			
ank	bank, dank, Hank, rank, sank, tank	blank, crank, drank, Frank, plank, prank, spank, thank	shrank
est	best, jest, lest, nest, pest, rest, test, vest, west, zest	chest	
(VV)C rimes			
eat	beat, feat, heat, meat, neat, peat, seat,	bleat, cheat, pleat, treat, wheat	
VCe rimes			
ake	bake, cake, fake, Jake, lake, make, rake, sake, take, wake	Blake, flake, stake,	
ale	Dale, gale, male, pale, sale, tale,	shale, stale, whale	
ide	hide, ride, tide, wide	glide, pride, slide,	stride
oke	Coke, joke, poke, woke	bloke, broke, choke, stoke, spoke	stroke

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