

Elkonin Boxes

for Blending and Segmenting Two-Sound and Three-Sound Words

Print and laminate. Give each student two round counters. Have children listen to a two-sound word and push a counter in each box from left to right as they say each sound. Then they pull each counter down, segmenting the word into individual sounds before blending the sounds and saying the word again. Repeat the process for three-sound words after students can segment and blend two-sound words quickly and easily. Eventually children can write letters representing those sounds in each box with a dry erase marker. For two- and three-sound one-syllable words visit:

<https://northfieldschools.org/wp-content/uploads/List-of-Words-with-2-Phonemes.pdf>

<https://northfieldschools.org/wp-content/uploads/List-of-Words-with-3-Phonemes.pdf>

Use for two-sound words:

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Use for three-sound words:

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