

Single-Letter Word Building

Goal: Spell words with the letter-sound patterns the learner is learning.

In this version of word building, the learner builds words that are spelled with two or more patterns. Use this version of word building with the letter-sound patterns that require a little extra practice before the learner effectively uses them when reading and spelling new words.

Things You'll Need: Cards with letters on them.

Directions:

1. Give the learner letter cards that combine to make words that are spelled with the patterns they need to practice. For example, you might distribute cards with *r, t, b, s, a, e,* and *m* (see figure below).
2. Ask the learner to use the letters to spell words. For example, you might ask them to build *me* and change it into *meat*, and then build *team, seam, sea, sat, same, tame, tar, star*, and so forth.
3. Have the learner explain in their own words why they spelled the words as they did and how the patterns represent sound.
4. Also ask the learner to tell how knowing the letter-sound patterns help them read new words.

