

Word Family Sorting

Goal: Use onsets and rimes to build words.

This word-building activity is especially good for learning centers and yields a permanent record of the words children build with onsets and rimes.

Things You'll Need: Zip lock baggies or envelopes, small cards with onsets and rimes; word guide.

Put an assortment of onset-rime cards in each envelope. Tape a small label on the front of the envelope to tell which onset or rime cards are inside.

Make a word guide by drawing several circles on a sheet of blank paper in a row. Write a word family clue word above each circle. The clue words on the circle word guide should be the same clue words that help remind the learner of word family rimes, consistent with best practice. Underline the rime in each word family clue word.

Directions:

1. The learner will read the word family clue words on the word guide and use onset and rime cards to build word family words.
2. The learner then writes the words they built in the circles. If the learner builds more words than fit in the blank circles on the guide, ask them to write the extra words underneath the circles.

