

## WHAT IS PHONEME SEGMENTATION FLUENCY?

A phoneme is a speech sound. It is the smallest unit of language. Segmentation is the separation of words into phonemes. If you were asked to give the phonemes or sounds you hear in the word sat, you would give the phonemic sounds /s/ /a/ /t/. Students should be able to give the sounds they hear in words quickly and automatically.

## WAYS TO PRACTICE AT HOME

- \* Practicing Phonemic Segmentation is one activity you can work on with your child in the car or while waiting in line at the store.
- \* Give your child a short word, such as DOG, to begin with. Guide them to say each sound (phoneme) they hear.../d/ /o/ /g/.
- \* Students can clap along as they say the sounds or they can tap them with their fingers.
- \* Some children can 'hear' the sounds better if they pretend to stretch a rubber band as they say the phonemes in a word and 'snap' the sounds back together as they say the word more quickly.
- \* You can use interlocking blocks or Legos as a visual demonstration of segmentation.

Here are some examples of words you can give your child to segment. Make sure they say each individual sound.

TOP            /t/ /o/ /p/

LIP            /l/ /i/ /p/

FINE          /f/ /l/ /n/

NO            /n/ /o/

SHE          /sh/ /E/