



Making Short Words

Ages 4 years to 5 years

Objective: The child can use single-letters, word chunks, and blends to build short words.

Materials needed:

Word-Building Cards (printable)

Procedures:

1. Cut out each letter, chunk, or blend box. If your child can cut, have them do this on their own. Place all heads up on the flat floor to see.
2. With your child, begin making easy, short two-letter words. Use single-letters like "i and n" to make the word "in." Or use letters like "m and e" to make the word "me."
3. Now use some of the chunks and blends, along with single-letters to make bigger words.
Example: Use the letter "h" with the word chunk "at" and make the word "hat." Or do the same with the letter "b" and "at" and make the word "bat."



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6. Show them they can make tons and tons of small or big words using single-letters, blends, or chunks.
7. An easy first word for your child to make to begin this activity is finding all of the single-letters in their name, and building that word.
8. Remember to build words on the floor in front of you, **left to right**. Don't forget to teach your child this concept of word building.

Milestones to meet:

The child can recognize letters. The child can create short two-letter words, and/or longer words with word chunks and blends. The child can build their name with letters.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?