

Phonological Awareness: Segmenting Sentences

Stages of Segmenting Sentences

Segmenting Sentences: Counting the number of words in a sentence (orally)

Activities at the word level help children begin to break language apart. Orally segmenting sentences into words helps children understand that sentences are composed of separate words in a particular order to convey meaning. Understanding the concept of a word develops from students' exposure to print and classroom activities that help them to recognise how words – especially the function words that are more abstract – exist as separate entities. (Function words are the words that connect the more meaningful words such as nouns and verbs in sentences. They are the words that enable the speaker to form complete and correct sentences (e.g., the, an, a, and, to, of, etc.)

