

Phonemic Blending Assessment

Teacher Notes

The purpose of this “whole class” assessment is to determine whether students can recognize words from blended letter sounds. The words are not printed on the **Phonemic Blending Assessment** because this is a sounds recognition phonemic awareness test.

Directions/Grading/Recording

Pass out the **Phonemic Blending Assessment** to students. Say—“This is a short test to see if you can hear words from the letter sounds that I say out loud. Let’s practice one together. The sounds are /t/ /r/ /ī/ /d/ [Do not add on the *uh* sound to the consonants/t/ /r/ /ī/ /d/. What is the word? [Wait for student response.] The word is *tried*, because /t/ /r/ /ī/ /d/ forms the word *tried*. Let’s practice another. This time, I will give you the sounds and two word choices. You tell me which word is formed from the sounds—the first or the second word I say. The sounds are /c/ /r/ /ī/ /d/. Is the word *light* or *cried*? [Wait for student response.] The second word is correct, because /c/ /r/ /ī/ /d/ forms the word *cried*.

On your test, find the Example and point to it. [Confirm that students have pointed to the Example.] Do not say the sounds or words out loud. Shade in the circle marked ①, if the sounds form the first word I say, or ②, if the sounds form the second word I say. The sounds are /b/ /l/ /ā/ /s/ /t/. Is it *blast* or *clap*? [Wait for students to shade in their answers.] You should have shaded in the bubble marked ① because /b/ /l/ /ā/ /s/ /t/ forms the word *blast*. Let’s start Number One. Ready? The sounds are /g/ /r/ /ā/ /t/. Is it *great* or *skate*? Shade in 1 or 2. Follow this script for the rest of the test.

Once the assessments have been scored, record a / on the **Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Sight Words, and Fluency Mastery Matrix** for each student not meeting the mastery criteria of 80%.

Test Items/Answers

1. The sounds are /g/ /r/ /ā/ /t/. Is it *great* or *skate*? ①
2. The sounds are /p/ /l/ /ē/ /z/. Is it *street* or *please*? ②
3. The sounds are /n/ /ō/ /z/. Is it *most* or *nose*? ②
4. The sounds are /ū/ /z/ /d/. Is it *used* or *huge*? ①
5. The sounds are /b/ /r/ /ī/ /t/. Is it *bright* or *dried*? ①
6. The sounds are /f/ /r/ /ě/ /n/ /d/. Is it *sled* or *friend*? ②
7. The sounds are /wh/ /ī/ /ch/. Is it *which* or *thick*? ①
8. The sounds are /c/ /l/ /ā/ /s/. Is it *crash* or *class*? ②
9. The sounds are /t/ /r/ /ū/ /k/. Is it *luck* or *truck*? ②
10. The sounds are /s/ /t/ /ō/ /p/. Is it *stop* or *spot*? ①