

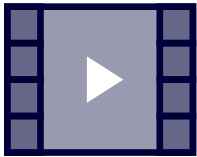


Family Activities for How-to Step 2: Sounds With Two or More Letters

Review the Family Activity and model at least one example. Include family members in the model, either the whole family or members who volunteer.

Let's review the Family Activity **Letter Sound Practice and Building Words** to help your child practice letter sounds. For this activity, your child will change the beginning sound or sounds of a word to build a new word. *Use the onsets (p, f, tr, qu, sn, n, s, t) and rime (-ail) cards to model this activity.* For example, here is the end of a word, **-ail**. I can change the beginning sound or sounds of this word to build a new word. I can spell **pail** by adding the **p** to the beginning. Then I can change the **p** to **tr** to spell the word **trail**.

If you spell a word that your child is not familiar with, give a kid-friendly definition. Use the word in a sentence that relates to something your child has experienced to build vocabulary. For example, a **trail** is like a small road or a path that you could walk or maybe ride your bike on. We followed the **trail** on our hike through the woods. *Continue building new words asking for volunteers to help.*



Family Literacy Videos

Now, let's watch a video of a mom and her son engaging in building words by changing the first letter or letters. *Review the key points and answer family questions about the video.*

2.2 Letter–Sound Practice and Building Words (3:27)

Key Points About the Video

- Mom focuses on helping her son blend individual sounds to spell and read the words.
- **fl** is a consonant blend. It has two sounds, /f/ and /l/. The son knows each of these letter sounds so is able to blend them to spell the word **flag**.
- **br** is a consonant blend. It has two sounds, /b/ and /r/. The son knows each of these letter sounds so is able to blend them to spell the word **brag**.
- Mom talks about the meanings of the words to build her son's vocabulary.

Take the Family Activity home and have fun with building words. Tell your child how proud you are of him or her for spelling and reading words!