

# Phonemic Awareness Activities



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**2-3**

## Reading Activities for the Home

- Demonstrate clapping a word into its syllables. Ask your child to clap words into syllables.
- Make tally marks for the number of syllables in the names of people in your family, favorite foods, etc.
- Give your child a small car (such as a Matchbox car). Write a five plus letter word on a piece of paper with the letters spaced apart. Have your child drive the car over each letter saying the letter sound. Have your child begin driving the car slowly over the letters and then drive over them again slightly faster. Continue until the word is said at a good rate.
- To help your child segment (separate) sounds in words:
  - Give your child three to five blocks, beads, bingo chips, or similar items. Say a word and have your child move an object for each sound in the word.
  - Play **Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes** with sounds. Say a word and have your child touch his/her head for the first sound, shoulders for the second sound, and knees for the third, while saying each sound.
  - **Jump for Sounds:** Say a word and have your child jump for each sound in the word while saying the sound.

