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Phonetic Sounds Twister



Materials:

- Felt-backed plastic table cloth or, as alternatives: large pieces of poster board or heavy-weight paper
- Colored electrical or painters tape
- 4" x 5" poster board (or cardboard) pieces, ideally all the same color
- Sharpie or marker

Preparation:

To create a Twister Board:

1. Use the tape to section the table cloth into 6 equal rectangles or triangular segments. (If using poster board or paper pieces, first cut the sections, then use the tape to join the pieces so to create the Twister segments.)
2. Using the tape, make an "X" at the center.
3. Using the Sharpie or marker, clearly write one lower-case phonetic sound on each poster board (or cardboard) piece. **To note:** Choose phonetic sounds that your child has previously experienced.



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Instructions:

1. Invite your child to play Sound Twister.
2. Review with your child the phonetic sounds to be used.
3. Place one sound on each Twister segment.
4. Instruct your child to stand on the center "X."
Hop onto "a."
Put your right foot on "b."
Sit on "m."
Place your left elbow on "o."
6. Continue as long as enjoyment and interest hold.

Optional Extensions:

- Encourage your child to select different phonetic sounds to be used.
- Instead of initial sounds, have the child listen for ending sounds in words. For example say, "Hop onto the sound you hear at the end of 'dog:'"
- Allow your child to call sounds and you take a turn at Twister. **Enjoy!**

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