

The Essential Phonemic Awareness Cheat Sheet

Phonemic awareness is...the ability to hear, differentiate and flexibly manipulate units of sound in **spoken language**. No letters are used in phonemic awareness instruction.

The 5 Phonemic Awareness Skills:

- Separating: s-l-o-p
- Blending: s-l-o-p...sl-op...slop
- Substituting: slop...slap
- Deleting: slap...lap
- Adding: lap...flap

Clues to Phonemic Awareness Deficiency:

- Trouble Rhyming
- Lack of Fluency in Reading
- Cannot Hear Letter Blends [beginning and/or ending]
- Spelling — memorizes whole words, not flexible with applying units of sound
- Decoding — re-decodes the same word(s) every time they encounter them in the same text. Struggles to accurately decode unknown words.