

A

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## EARLY READING • PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

# Syllable & Sound Fun

Beginning-sound dominoes, letter bingo and word building • ages 4 to 7



24

domino  
pieces

8

bingo  
cards

10

words  
to build

12

words  
to clap

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

## For parents and teachers

Before children read words, they need to **hear and play with the parts** of words. These pages build step by step: first clap and count syllables, then listen for the **beginning sound** (dominoes and bingo), and finally **put word chunks together**. When you play, say the letter's sound (/b/ as in bus) rather than its name. That's what helps children blend sounds into words.

### How to use the pages

- p. 2** **Clap and count:** say the word slowly, clap once for each part, and color one circle per clap.
- p. 3–4** **Dominoes:** cut out the pieces and start with START. Level 1: find the picture that begins with the letter sound at the end of the piece. Level 2: match the first syllable chunk (MON goes with MONKEY).
- p. 5–7** **Letter bingo:** each player gets a card. The caller draws a picture card and says the word; players cover the letter that makes its first sound.
- p. 8–9** **Build a word:** cut out the chunks on page 9 and glue them in order under the right picture. Then write the whole word.
- p. 10** **Certificate and answer key** to celebrate and check.

### Materials

Child-safe scissors, glue, crayons, and dried beans, buttons, or bottle caps for bingo. Print the dominoes and bingo cards on card stock so they last.

**Tip:** ten minutes a day works better than a whole afternoon. If your child gets stuck, stretch the word out together (sssun) and try again.

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## Clap and count

Say each word and clap the parts. Color one circle for each clap.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUN****APPLE****BANANA****CAT****WATERMELON****MONKEY****BUTTERFLY****TURTLE****CATERPILLAR****ROCKET****PINEAPPLE****ALLIGATOR**

Some words have just 1 syllable and some have 4. Not every circle gets colored!

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# Dominoes • level 1

Cut out the 12 pieces. Match each letter to a picture that starts with that sound.

START

Bb



CAT

Ss



FOX

Vv



VAN

Ll



BUS

Cc



RAT

END



HAT

Ff



LOG

Pp



SUN

Dd



PIG

Nn



NUT

Rr



DOG

Hh

✂ cut along the dotted line

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## Dominoes • level 2

Cut out the 12 pieces. Match each chunk to the word that starts with it.

**START****MON****RABBIT****END****PENGUIN****CAC****DOLPHIN****PUMP****LEMON****DOL****TIGER****PEN****CACTUS****ROCK****TURTLE****LEM****MONKEY****TI****HAMSTER****TUR****ROCKET****HAM****PUMPKIN****RAB**

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# Letter bingo

Cards 1 to 4. Cover the letter that the called word starts with.

**BINGO!**

card 1

**Ww**

**Kk**

**Ff**

**Tt**

**Gg**

**Zz**

**Uu**

**Oo**

**Rr**

**BINGO!**

card 2

**Cc**

**Dd**

**Yy**

**Rr**

**Ff**

**Bb**

**Ll**

**Ww**

**Ss**

**BINGO!**

card 3

**Yy**

**Uu**

**Rr**

**Ff**

**Kk**

**Pp**

**Bb**

**Oo**

**Aa**

**BINGO!**

card 4

**Tt**

**Ss**

**Hh**

**Vv**

**Bb**

**Aa**

**Mm**

**Gg**

**Ll**

✂ cut out the cards · use beans, buttons, or bottle caps as markers

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# Letter bingo

Cards 5 to 8. Cover the letter that the called word starts with.

BINGO!

card 5

Pp

Cc

Oo

Tt

Aa

Ll

Bb

Dd

Hh

BINGO!

card 6

Vv

Rr

Oo

Gg

Cc

Tt

Aa

Ll

Uu

BINGO!

card 7

Yy

Aa

Oo

Ww

Ee

Gg

Zz

Pp

Dd

BINGO!

card 8

Ee

Oo

Mm

Zz

Vv

Ss

Ff

Yy

Cc

✂ cut out the cards · use beans, buttons, or bottle caps as markers

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# Bingo • calling cards

Cut out, mix them in a bag, and draw one. Say the word out loud!



APPLE



BUS



CAT



DOG



EGG



FOX



GOAT



HAT



KITE



LEMON



MOON



NUT



OCTOPUS



PIG



RABBIT



SUN



TIGER



UMBRELLA



VAN



WHALE



YO-YO



ZEBRA

✂ cut along the lines • the colored letter is the one players look for

8

# Build a word

Glue the chunks from page 9 in the boxes. Then write the word.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_

write here



\_\_\_\_\_

write here



\_\_\_\_\_

write here



\_\_\_\_\_

write here



\_\_\_\_\_

write here



\_\_\_\_\_

write here



\_\_\_\_\_

write here



\_\_\_\_\_

write here



\_\_\_\_\_

write here



\_\_\_\_\_

write here

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## Word chunks to cut out

Cut out all 25 chunks and glue them on page 8. You'll use every one!

BA

RAIN

SNOW

POP

TER

WA

DA

CAKE

TO

MA

CORN

CUP

BOW

NA

ZE

ON

BUT

PAN

TO

BRA

FLY

MEL

TER

NA

MAN

### Bonus challenge: silly words!

Before gluing, mix up the chunks to make silly new words, like **SNOW + CAKE** = SNOWCAKE or **RAIN + CORN** = RAINCORN. What would they look like? Write your silly words here:

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## CERTIFICATE

# Syllable Superstar

This certificate is awarded to

\_\_\_\_\_

who clapped syllables, played dominoes and bingo, and **built words from chunks**. Great job, you are learning to read!

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Grown-up's signature

✂ cut along the dotted line

## Answer key (for grown-ups)

### Page 2 • how many syllables

SUN 1, APPLE 2, BANANA 3, CAT 1, WATERMELON 4, MONKEY 2, BUTTERFLY 3, TURTLE 2, CATERPILLAR 4, ROCKET 2, PINEAPPLE 3, ALLIGATOR 4

### Page 3 • dominoes level 1 (piece order)

START – BUS – CAT – SUN – DOG – HAT – FOX – VAN – LOG – PIG – NUT – RAT – END

### Page 4 • dominoes level 2 (piece order)

START – MONKEY – TIGER – PENGUIN – CACTUS – ROCKET – HAMSTER – TURTLE – LEMON – DOLPHIN – PUMPKIN – RABBIT – END

### Page 8 • build a word

CUP-CAKE, RAIN-BOW, SNOW-MAN, PAN-DA, ZE-BRA, POP-CORN, BA-NA-NA, TO-MA-TO, BUT-TER-FLY, WA-TER-MEL-ON

### Bingo

Every calling card starts with a different letter, and every letter on the bingo cards has a calling card. First player to cover the whole card shouts BINGO!