

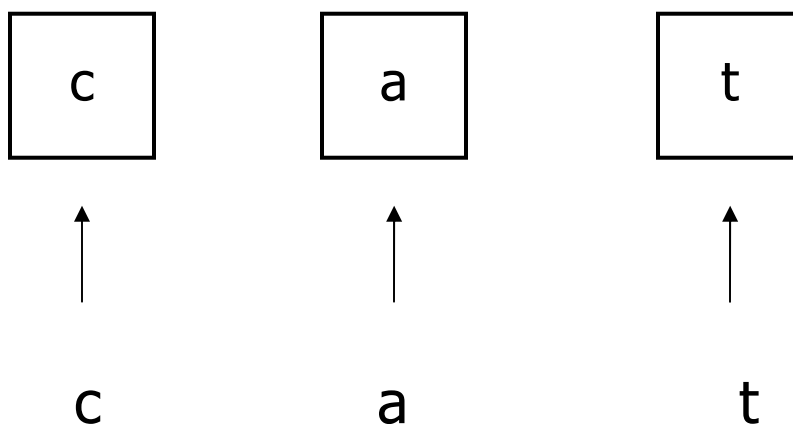
## HOME SUPPORT: BLENDING SOUNDS TO MAKE NEW WORDS

Blending sounds to make new words is when your child begins to understand the relationship between the **sounds** of spoken language – phonemes – and how the letters and spellings of words represent those sounds in **written** language.

Tapping the sounds helps. Have our child tap his or her finger to their thumb while saying each sound of a word. For example, say the word "cat". While tapping the index finger to the thumb, say the sound /k/. Then tap the pointer finger to the thumb while saying the /ă/ sound. Next, tap the ring finger to the thumb while saying the /t/ sound. Finally, say the entire word "cat".

### Suggestions For Blending Sounds To Make New Words:

- Play – A – Game: Find A Word  
Use the magnetic letters on the refrigerator, Scrabble® letters, Bananagrams®, or make your own cut up letters stored in a plastic bag. Have your child use the letters to make four different words, tapping out the sounds and reading the words.
- Play – A – Game: Build A Word  
Using the letters your child has stored, write a word on a piece of paper placing a single letter inside a box as modeled below. Have your child find the matching letter and place it under the box of the correct letter. Together say the sound of the letter as your child pushes the letter upward. Finally, after the letters are placed read the word.



## THREE-LETTER WORD LIST

mad	sad	pad	map
nap	lap	rap	sat
lag	sag	nag	rag
fat	mat	rat	rip
sit	lid	fit	rid
sip	rig	lit	lip
mop	fog	rod	not
log	top	lot	rot
rob	sob	Tom	nod
mud	tug	kid	pot
rug	bus	red	lug
leg	met	net	fig
bed	Ed	bad	sad
end	ten	men	mad
pet	pat	pit	pot
hid	rid	had	rag
cap	cat	can	cup
sip	fin	mop	hop
tub	cut	cub	hot
hit	hat	sat	sap
dog	log	lag	rag