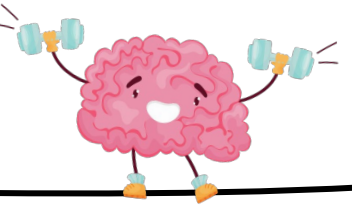


Literacy Support Stations

Word Chain



Activity: Word chains

Video Tutorial:

Description:

What is a word chain?

A word chain is a list of words targeting a specific skill. They help students build decoding skills (reading) and encoding skills (spelling) and move in a progression of changing one letter or combination at a time.

Materials:

What do I need to get started?

- A word chain
- A letter magnet board or whiteboard and whiteboard marker

Instructions:

1. Have students build (with manipulative letters or print on a whiteboard) the first word in a word chain.
 1. For example: "build the word cat".
2. Have students change only the portion of the word needed to create the second word in the word chain.
 1. For example: when changing cat to hat, students only change the c for a h, instead of creating a whole new word.
3. *Alternate how you have students change the word each time.*
 1. *When you ask students to change "cat" to "hat" students are practicing the skill of encoding (spelling).*
 2. *When you ask the students to change the h to a p and read the new word "pat", students are practicing the skill of encoding (reading)*
4. Continue through the word chain, changing only the portion a word needed each time.