

Word Decoding Games To Build Reading Success

The **Go Phonics 50 Game Set** provides beginning and struggling readers with a fun way to practice word decoding skills, and includes abundant opportunities for vocabulary enrichment. As they learn each code, they apply the skill in a game that has words with that code. Each game exposes them to many code based words (far more than could ever be written into a decodable story). They get repeated practice identifying the code in words, and sounding them out to read them. ***At first they can't... then they stumble... then they can.*** This prepares them for the next step: reading similar words more fluently and accurately in a story with decodable text, so it flows with greater meaning.

Go Phonics® About the Games

This is a tremendous program. The lessons have been very clear. It's all right there. My daughter has really glommed-on to the games. What really makes it for us is the games.

Shirley H.– home educator, Alaska

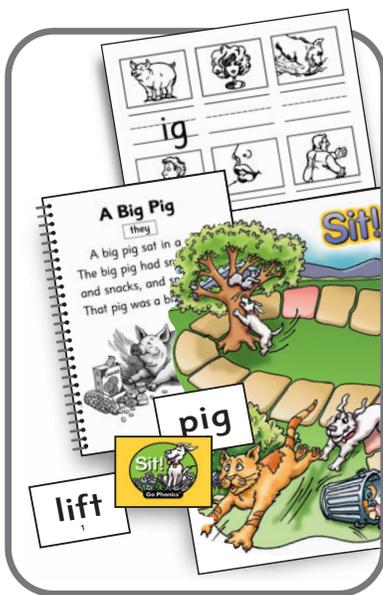
Why is this a good investment? Some students CAN'T memorize a lot of words by sight, and need this decoding practice to be able to read. Some who CAN memorize many of the primary words, can end up struggling at the higher grade levels if they don't have the skills to sound out words. This activity empowers them to read many unknown words on their own. It benefits older students by training their brain to recognize and distinguish between the codes so they can read longer words more automatically. Without this ability, the 2nd syllable in a word can be misread and the meaning lost.

The **Go Phonics** games go hand in hand with teaching explicit phonics lesson (primary level foundation). They focus on the vowels, digraphs, trigraphs, and phonograms, with beginning and ending consonant blends sprinkled throughout. Students get exposed to MANY words, from *bat, fat, glass...* to *stretch, praise, currency, verge, father, mightier...*

It's the highlight of every lesson! As instruction starts, students most often ask, "Do we get to play a game today?" They're eager to do this kind of practice and it prepares them for reading the **Go Phonics** decodable story for that lesson. Many of the words in a game will appear in the new story and in future stories. If the student falters with some words during reading, just pull out the game for that code and play it again. It boosts the student's confidence and provides the repetition for retaining it in long-term memory.

Add to the fun with word play! Being able to read a word and pronounce it correctly is only part of it. Words have meaning. In fact some have MANY meanings. Look up the word **draw** and you'll find at least 15 ways to use it as a verb, and more ways it's used as a noun. Word play enlightens the experience. You'll find the ways to play in the **Game Rules Guide**.

Take advantage of what kids love to do most — play!



Each game integrates with the lesson's worksheets and decodable story.

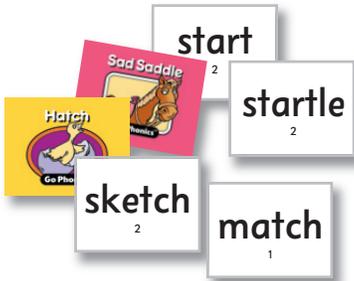
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Some games have phrases and sentences.



Sylvia S. Davison, *Go Phonics* author, plays the *Stuck Truck* game with a student to give her practice decoding words with **ck**. She sweeps a finger across the word on the card, which encourages smoother blending of the sounds.



Comments by Teachers:

"I use *Go Phonics* as a supplement program and I use the games a lot. They're quick little games. A student isn't going to be excited to spend another 20 to 40 minutes of reading instruction unless I can make it fun—"Wait 'til you see the game we're going to play today." I pull out a game for quick reinforcement for 2 to 5 minutes. They feel like they've had some fun. *Go Phonics* game art is well done, not babyish. I've gotten a lot of mileage out of these games—the cards have held up well. I can reorganize them for my needs. I use the game boards for additional games I've thought up to widen the instruction. I take them with me wherever I go. *Go Phonics* has been well worth the investment."

Penny C., Orton-Gillingham certified school dyslexia therapist, evaluator, tutor - TX

"I didn't realize the power of the games until I really started using them. It's fluency work! It's grammar work! It's vocabulary work! They're not the dessert. They're like the appetizers, getting you ready to eat!"

Monica H., 1st grade teacher - WI

Go Phonics 50 Game Set: Now with 11 full color laminated game boards, 4 spinners, 1400+ cards that, when disassembled, store in 2 card trays, and carry case. **GPGM3100**

Go Phonics 50 Game Set – Scope:

Games for reading code based words include the alphabet, phonograms, digraphs, trigraphs, (with blends and multi-syllable words at the higher levels).

LEVEL 1: Alphabet ★★

LEVEL 2: Short Vowels

- a- apple /ă/ ★★
- ck sock /k/ ★
- sh ship /sh/ ★
- i- igloo /ī/ ★★
- th thimble /th/ ★
- th there /th/ ★
- ch chair /ch/ ★
- tch catch /ch/ ★
- ing ring /ing/ ★
- ang bang /ang/ ★
- ink sink /ink/ ★
- ank bank /ank/ ★
- o- octopus /ō/ ★
- ong song /ong/ ★
- u- umbrella /ū/ ★
- ung lung /ung/ ★
- onk honk /onk/ ★
- unk junk /unk/ ★
- e- elephant /ě/ ★

LEVEL 3: Long Vowels

- a-e rake /ā/ ★
- i-e pine /ī/ ★
- o-e bone /ō/ ★
- u-e cube /ū/ ★
- u-e flute /ōō/ ★
- e-e Pete /ē/ ★
- ee feet /ē/ ★
- ie tie /ī/ ★
- oe hoe /ō/ ★
- ue barbecue /ū/ ★
- ue blue /ōō/ ★
- ea dream /ē/ ★
- oa boat /ō/ ★
- ai- rain /ā/ ★
- ay hay /ā/ ★

LEVEL 4: Vowels

Controlled by r and l

- ar star /är/ ★
- or corn /ôr/ ★
- er fern /ûr/ ★
- ir girl /ûr/ ★

- ★ Go Phonics Game Consonant Sound
- Vowel Sound

- ur burn /ûr/ ★
- a(l) walk /ô/ ★
- dle candle /dl/ ★
- y fly /ī/ ★
- y baby /ē/ ★
- igh night /ī/ ★

LEVEL 5: More Vowel Pairs

- oo moon /ōō/ ★
- oo book /ōō/ ★
- ow snow /ō/ ★
- ow cow /ou/ ★
- ou- ouch /ou/ ★
- ew pew /ū/ ★
- ew screw /ōō/ ★
- aw saw /ô/ ★
- au- saucer /ô/ ★
- oi oil /oy/ ★
- oy boy /oy/ ★
- ea- bread /ě/ ★
- ey money /ē/ ★
- ei reindeer /ā/ ★