

What is an onset?

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What is a rime?

The rime is the part of the word that follows the beginning sound. An example of this is the '-at' in 'cat' or '-ack' in 'black'.

How can I help my student with this skill?

Give your child many opportunities to practice separating the onset and rime. Give them a word such as dog, then ask them to break apart the first sound with the rest of the word. Tokens could be used to show a visual of the separation.

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What is my school doing this month with this plan?

K-3 teachers are continuing to broaden their knowledge on how to support evidence based reading instruction in their classroom.

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