

# Segmenting 1



## Objective

Practise segmenting words and selecting letters to spell them.



## Equipment

- Large letter cards
- Cones or other markers if the game is being played outside.



## Preparation

- Identify a selection of words that the children can use to practise their segmenting skills.
- Select a set/s of letter cards that will spell these words.
- Each set should have enough letter cards to give each child in the group a letter.
- The number of words that children will spell each time the game is played can be varied - the set could contain letters to spell the same word more than once, or contain letters that will spell a larger number of individual words etc.
- Mark out a playing area if the game is being played outside.
- Give each child a letter card at the start of each game.
- Large group activity



## Instructions

- The children move around in the playing area (The adult could vary the way they do this by asking them to run, walk quickly, hop, jump etc.)
- The adult calls out a word.
- The children stop and hold up their letter cards.
- Children who have a letter in the word that was called out have to run and find the other letters in the word.
- (An extra challenge can be given by limiting the time that children have to find the other letters in the word e.g. by the adult counting down from 5,4,3,2,1 etc)
- Children who have found the letters for their word then sit together out of the playing area.
- The adult gives a signal and the rest of the children move round again.
- The game continues until all (or as many children as possible) are sitting in word groups.
- The adult then selects some of the groups and asks the children to hold up their letters. The whole group sound them out and check that they spell the word.
- At the end of the game, the adult collects in the letter cards, shuffles them and gives them out again so that most children have a different letter. The game can then be played again.
- Alternatively, the adult can give out a new selection of letter cards and the game can be played with a different set of words.



## Other information

This game could be used to practise spelling CVC words, CCVC /CVCC words, words containing digraphs etc.

