



Compound Construction

Phonics is the relationship between sounds and letters. It can be used to read or decode words.

Materials:

- Index cards (26)
- Paper
- Pencils or markers
- Timer



Preparation:

- Write one letter (A-Z) on each index card.
- Mix the cards up so that letters are not in order.



Activity Instructions:

1. Place the stack of index cards in the center of the table.
2. Give each parent and child paper and pencils or markers.
3. Review the game instructions. **Make sure everyone knows that a compound word is two or more words put together (e.g., mailbox, doghouse).** When everyone is ready, set the timer, flip over the first card, and call out the letter. Start the timer.
4. Give participants 90 seconds to list as many compound words as they can that start with that letter.
5. When the time is up, players call out their words.
6. Each player gets one point for any word that nobody else used.
7. Repeat 4–6 times per round.
8. The player with the most points at the end of a round wins!