

Introducing Word-initiation Techniques

Name _____

If you have trouble getting a word started, you can use these techniques to help.

Bouncing: an easy repetition of the beginning of a word.

babababaseball



Sliding: an easy holding out of the first sound of a word. You can only slide on sounds that keep going, not on sounds that stop like *b, p, t d, k, g, j, or ch*.

s——lide



Light contact: a gentle touching of speech helps when you make consonants at the beginning of a word.

butterfly

NOT butterfly



Easy onset: a gentle touching of the vocal folds when you make vowel sounds at the beginning of a word.

ice cream

NOT ice cream



Bouncing Rules

Name _____

1. Bounce on the first consonant or cluster PLUS the vowel that follows in a word.

ba-ba-ba-baby stri-stri-string
wi-wi-win foo-football (not foot-football)

2. Don't say "uh" after the consonant. Say the correct vowel sound.

NOT buh-buh-baby SAY ba-ba-baby

3. If a word begins with a vowel, repeat only the vowel.

i-i-in a-a-acrobat

4. Run the repetitions together with constant phonation.

ba-ba-basket NOT ba / ba / basket

5. In a word with the "er" sound, repeat the whole sound.

chur-church bir-bir-bird

6. Vary the number of bounces. Don't get into a rhythm of only two bounces.

7. You can bounce on any word!

Exception: If a one-syllable word begins with a consonant, avoid bouncing on it since bouncing would create a whole word repetition! If you forget, it's okay since a whole word repetition is an easy disfluency. It's not bad, just not necessary.

Let's practice bouncing as we name these pictures. After we name the pictures in bouncing, then we'll read the sentences and practice bouncing on the words again.



I like pizza.



Make the bed.



I lost the money.



This is my coat.



Sit on the chair.



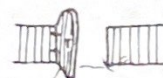
I like bread.



I saw a boat.



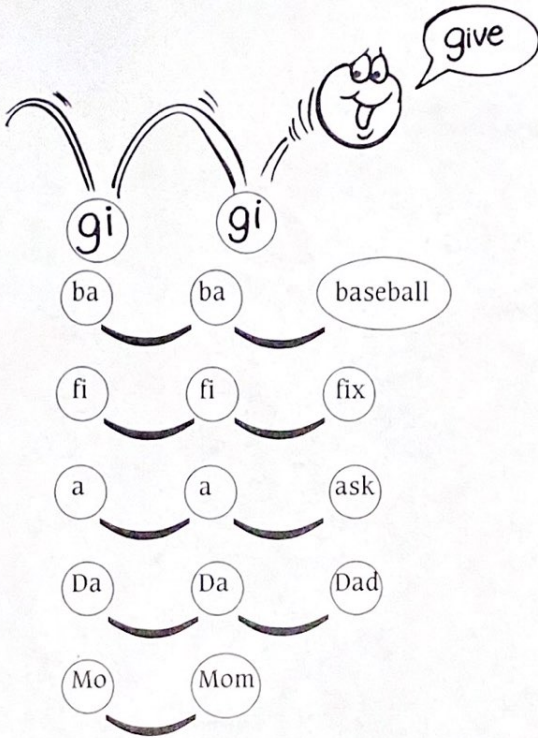
Eat the apple.



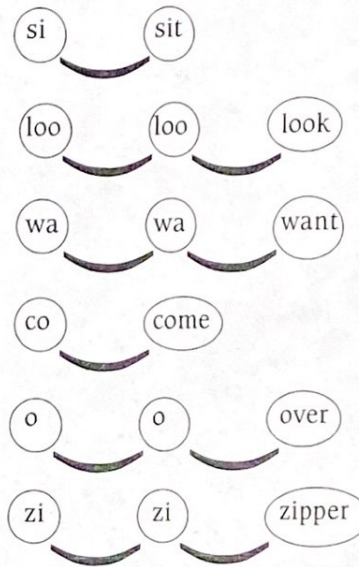
Open the gate.

Bouncing Practice 1

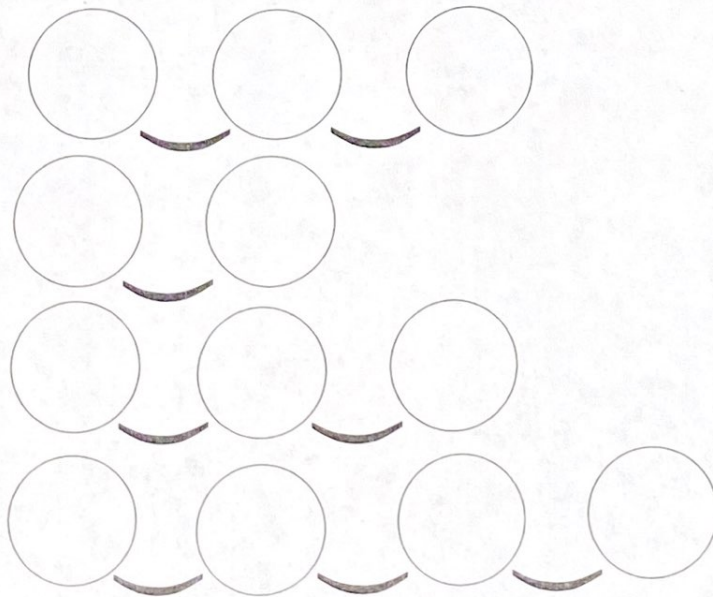
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Practice bouncing on these words.



Fill in your own words to practice bouncing.



Bouncing Practice 2

Name _____

Bounce on these words.



dog



cat



zebra



frog



lion



tiger



book



cheese



ship



ring



drum



ice cube



axe



knife



spoon



earth

Bounce on the underlined words.



1. I have a dog.



4. The tiger has stripes.



2. My cat likes milk.



5. The ship is in the harbor.



3. The lion roared.

Now, make up your own sentences with the other words and bounce on them!