

Watch-and-Learn

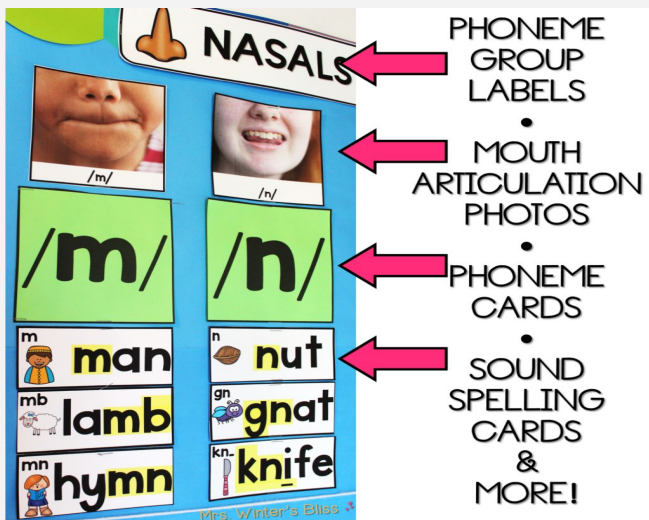
Sound it Out! Raising Rigor with Sound Walls

Sound Walls are visual tools that help students visualize sounds, practice blending and segmenting, and develop phonological awareness.

Phonemic awareness is the ability to recognize, blend, segment, and manipulate sounds in spoken words. It's a foundational skill for reading success. When children can manipulate sounds, they can:

- **Decode words more easily:** By breaking words into sounds, they can sound out unfamiliar words.
- **Improve spelling:** A strong understanding of sounds helps children spell words correctly.
- **Build vocabulary:** Recognizing sounds in words helps children learn new words.
- **Comprehend text better:** Strong phonemic awareness leads to better reading fluency and comprehension.

Watch and Learn: Sound Walls



Tips for Effective Sound Wall Use

1. **Consistent Exposure:** Integrate sound wall activities into daily routines.
2. **Active Engagement:** Encourage hands-on interaction with the sound wall.
3. **Clear and Consistent Labeling:** Ensure clear and consistent labeling.
4. **Gradual Release of Responsibility:** Progress from teacher-led to student-led activities.
5. **Data-Driven Instruction:** Monitor student progress and adjust instruction accordingly.

Increasing Rigor with Sound Walls

- **Isolate Sounds:** Break words into individual sounds.
- **Delete Sounds:** Remove a sound from a word.
- **Substitute Sounds:** Replace a sound with another sound.

Want to learn more about implementing Sound Walls and the Science of Reading? Our on-site training and coaching can help! Schedule a complimentary consultation with our team to discuss your specific needs and explore how Ideal Instruction can support your goals.

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