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BLAH BLAH BLAH PHONICS CARD GAME INSTRUCTIONS



easy deck

76 word cards



medium deck

74 word cards



hard deck

74 word cards

MATCH SINGLE LETTERS

Match cards that have a matching letter.

For example: the **b** in **bed** with the **b**in **bin** the **t** in **hat** with the **t** in **tug**

Remember, the order of the letters doesn't matter.

MATCH DOUBLE VOWELS

In addition to single letters, challenge yourself by matching double vowels like:

ai

ee

oa

ea

00

MATCH MULTI CONSONANTS

+ sound-alikes

In addition to single letters and double vowels, possible matches include:

s, ss

I, II

f, ff

ch, tch

c, k, ck

HOW TO PLAY

Deal seven cards to each player. Place one card face up on the table. Put the rest of the deck in a pile, face down.

Player One plays a card from their hand that matches a letter or combination of letters in the word on the table.

No suitable card to play? Draw a new card from the deck. Still no matching card to play? The next player plays. Only one card left?

Say 'blah blah blah'! If you don't say it, you have to draw four new cards from the deck.

The first player to get rid of all their cards wins!

Add this rule for an extra challenge:

Players must pronounce each of the three sounds in the word as they play their card, then say the whole word. Fail to do so and they must draw two new cards from the deck.

Ha Ha wild card

If a player plays this card, the next player draws two cards and misses their turn.



Wah Wah Wah wild card

If a player plays this card, the next player misses their turn.



Ha Ha Ha Ha wild card

If a player plays this card, the next player draws four cards from the deck and misses their turn.



Ch- Ch- Change wild card

If a player plays this card, the previous player plays again and the direction of the players changes from clockwise to anti-clockwise or vice versa.



Once a wild card has been played, gameplay continues based on the word card played before it.





Hear the correct pronunciation of the sounds (phonemes) in each word while you read the letters (graphemes) that correspond to them. This will help you become a fluent reader in no time.

Simply scan the QR code with the camera on vour smartphone or tablet. Some devices will require a QR scanner to do this. This can be downloaded free from your app store of choice. If you have any trouble, you can find more detailed instructions at mrswordsmith.com



PHONICS HAS BEEN PROVEN TO **IMPROVE CHILDREN'S LITERACY SKILLS**

English consists of about 44 phonemes (sound variations), but more than 170 graphemes (different written representations for these sounds). This means that English has no strict one-to-one correspondence between

letters and sounds, but it's also not entirely irregular. It involves numerous patterns and regularities. Phonics is the method that builds awareness of these regularities in order to help children become fluent readers quickly.