

## Further uses of the *Alphabetics* cards

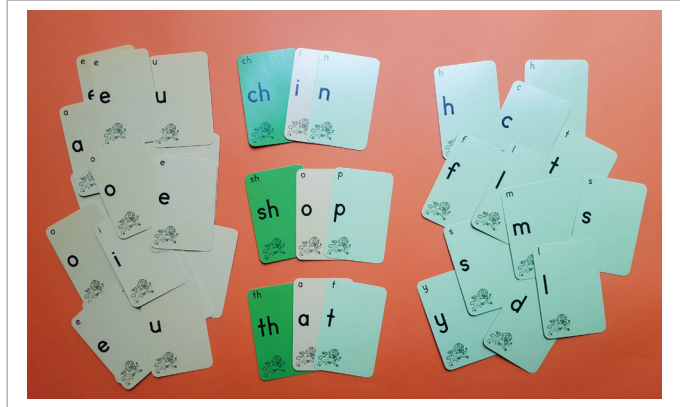
The *Alphabetics* cards are a versatile hands-on phonic resource for schools, homes or tutors. Besides the card game outlined on the box, the *Alphabetics* cards can be adapted to your student's needs in a variety of ways.

They are perfect for use with individual students or small groups. To start, sort through the cards and select those that are suitable for the student you are working with, leaving out any letters or digraphs that have not been introduced yet.

For example, you may be working on the digraphs, **ch**, **sh** and **th**. In this case, select the single letter cards as well as the **ch**, **sh** and **th** digraph cards.

The selection of cards depends on your student's level of literacy and the focus of the activity.

\*There are multiples of the letter cards so you can make lots of words.



Once you have the appropriate selection of cards, they can be used in the following ways:

- 1) **FREE PLAY:** Under your guidance, allow the student to explore the letters, construct and sound-out their own words. This can help to build phonic confidence and reinforce their understanding that a word is made of sounds put together from left to right.

- 2) **SEE & SAY:** First, the teacher makes the word. Say the letter *sounds* (not the letter names) as you build the word from left to right. Then repeat the sounds, followed by the whole word.

“ v! e! t! vet ”

Once you've done that, ask the student to sound-out the letters followed by reading the whole word. Repeat this process with more words.



“ v! e! t! vet ”

shed sh! e! d! shed



- 3) **HEAR & SPELL:** Here, the teacher chooses words that are appropriate for the student to try to build. Ensure the student has access to all the necessary letter and digraph cards. Say the word. Depending on the student's level, you may also sound-out the word.

“ shed sh! e! d! shed ”

Make sure the words are made only of the basic letter sounds and digraphs that the student is ready for. Repeat this process with more words.

**The Alphabetics letter and digraph cards can be adapted and used in a variety of ways. Used at school, at home, or for tutoring, you should feel free to use the cards in the way that works best for your students!**