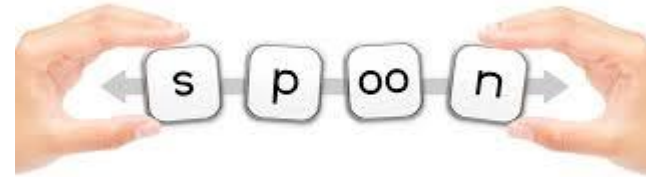


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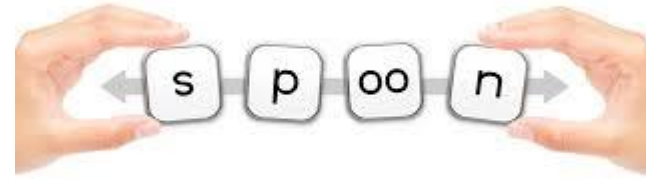


- This week we are going to practise using our segmenting skills by playing a game with our grown ups! Remember, segmenting is the skill that helps us with our writing so it is important that we practise it regularly
- First, you and your grown up need to collect the following items from your kitchen: a fork, a spoon, a cup, a dish, a jar, a tin, a pot and a coin



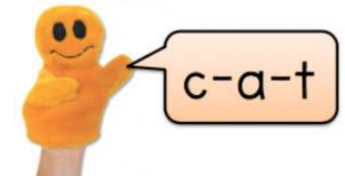
- Talk through the items with your grown up to make sure you know what they are
- Place the items on a tray/table or the floor and cover with a tea towel. Close your eyes whilst your grown up takes one item away.
- Open your eyes. Can you guess which item is missing? Show your grown up your answer by writing it down on a piece of paper or post it note

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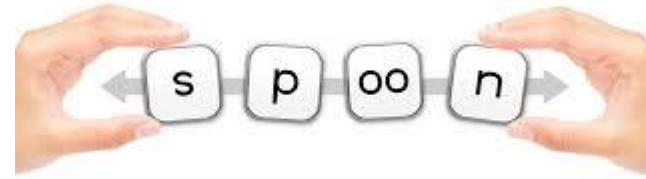


Tips for parents:

- Encourage your child to say the word out loud and break it up into the sounds they can hear e.g. cup → c-u-p. If they find it tricky hearing all of the sounds model it to them by saying 'My turn cup c-u-p' and then encourage them to repeat it back to you before having a go at writing the letters
- If they get stuck writing a letter, encourage them to use the sound mats that were included in your home learning pack or search for them on www.sparklebox.co.uk. All of the children have been taught Phase 2 and most of Phase 3. Some children have been taught all of the Phase 3 sounds
- If your child misspells a word, praise them for their effort and then encourage them to have another look and check that they have included all of the sounds they can hear when they segment it



What's Missing?



Extending the game

- If you have access to play food trying adding some of these items for your child to segment: toast, milk, chips, pepper
- You could turn it into a competition by playing against your grown up and seeing who spells the most words correctly



Challenge

- You could add some more challenging words to the mix e.g. wooden spoon, peeler (remind about the need for safety with this item), cling film, sweetcorn etc.

