

## Phonemic Awareness/Phonics Strategy

**Strategy:** Elkonin Procedure (Elkonin, 1973)

**Appropriate Grade Level:** K-2

**Materials Needed:**

- Teacher word list
- Elkonin cards (see example below)

**Procedures/Steps:**

1. Students listen to a word.
2. Students push a marker, block, or other small object into a printed square for each sound they hear.
3. As student's phonological awareness improves, they can push or write letters in the boxes.
4. Allows the oral language activity to be more visual and kinesthetic.

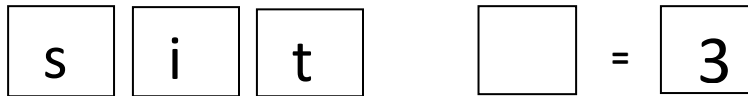
**Phonemic Awareness**

**Example:**

Word is sit



**Alphabetic Principal**



**Elkonin Card Example:**



**Comments/Tips:**

- Tap one finger to thumb for every sound heard.
- Watch your mouth in a mirror and feel your facial movements by placing your fingers on your cheeks and concentrating on how your mouth changes with different sounds.

**Source:** Blachman, Ball, Black, & Tangel. (2000). *Road to the Code*. Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.