

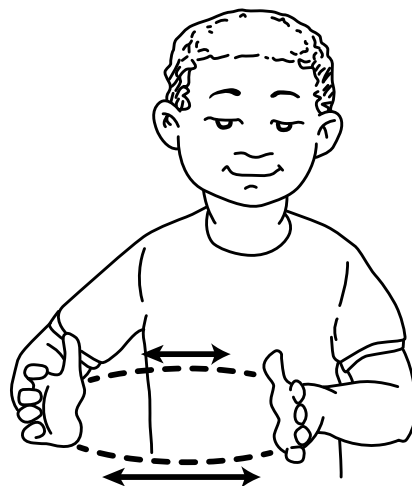
The SLOW-SPEAK TRICK

Objective

- To segment words into individual sounds.

Teaching point

The **SLOW-SPEAK TRICK** helps children to break up spoken words into their individual phonemes, in order to aid spelling.



The TRICK

- Teach children to stretch out any word by saying it so slowly that they can hear each sound. Slow down your voice to emphasise each sound in a word, e.g. **hhha...t, hhha...mmm, mmma...t, sssa...d, sssa...t**
- Children might like to accompany this stretching-out technique with a hand movement. Start with hands together and move the right hand further and further away with each new sound, as if stretching out a giant rubber band.

