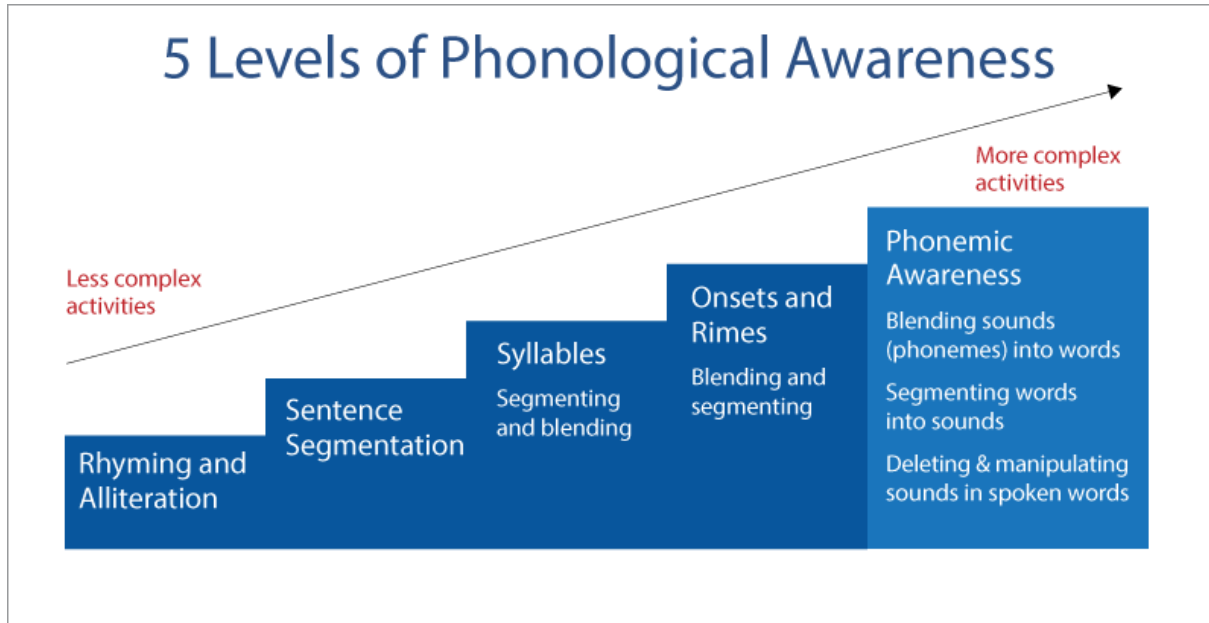


Phonological Awareness.

This is very important for developing literacy skills and is relevant for all ages. Phonological awareness is an auditory skill and should not be confused with phonics, which is when we look at how we represent sounds with letters.

An essential part of **phonological awareness** is the ability to divide words into individual speech sounds (phonemes). It is important to make sure when you are pronouncing phonemes that you keep them as short as possible.



Practise working out what sound you hear and where you hear it.

I spy with my little eye.....Something that begins with,

Something that ends with

I hear with my little ear something that rhymes with.....

Beginning, middle, end - ask your child where you hear the sound in a word.

/p/ Where do you hear p/ in paint? (beginning)

/p/ Where do you hear /p/ in stamp? (end)

/p/ Where do you hear /p/ in apple? (middle)

This Stop the bus game helps learners listen out for the first sound in a word.

You will find other ideas if you click on this link:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/strategies/blending-games>