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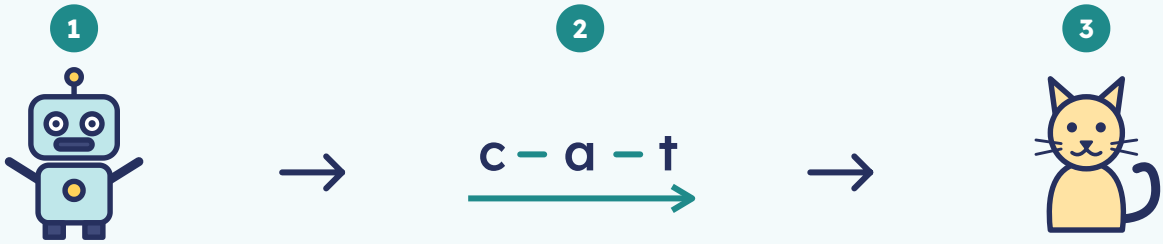
Robot talk

Listen to the sounds. Push them together. Hear the word!

1 Learn



Robots talk in sounds: **d... o... g**. Say the sounds faster and faster, and push them together. Out pops the word: **dog**! This is called **blending**.



Listen to the robot: **c... a... t**

Say the sounds faster. Squish them together!

Out pops the word: **cat**!



Start with two sounds. u-p... up! Reach up high. **i-n... in**! Put a toy in a cup.

Then try three. s-u-n... sun! **m-u-g... mug**! Listen to **every** sound, right to the end.

Flip's tip: say the sounds again, faster and faster, until the word pops out.

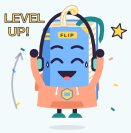
Warm up: robot moves! The grown-up says the sounds. Push them together and do the move.

Grown-up says	Grown-up says	Grown-up says	Grown-up says
u-p (reach up)	**s-i-t** (sit down)	**h-o-p** (hop)	**n-o-d** (nod)

Grown-ups: this chapter is all about listening, so you say the sounds and your child doesn't need to read. Say each sound short and clear with a small gap, then a little faster each time.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Robot treasure hunt

You need: a few things with short names, such as a cup, a pen, a sock, a hat and a mug.

1. Put the things on a table or a rug where you can both see them.
2. The grown-up talks like a robot: "Find the **s… o… ck**!" One sound at a time, with a small gap.
3. The child pushes the sounds together, says the word and picks up the thing.
4. Swap! The child talks like a robot and the grown-up finds the thing. Tick as you go.

Thing	Robot word	I found it	I said it like a robot
	**c-u-p**	☐	☐
	**p-e-n**	☐	☐
	**s-o-ck**	☐	☐
	**h-a-t**	☐	☐
	**m-u-g**	☐	☐

Grown-ups: sock has three sounds, s-o-ck: the c and k make one sound together. If your child guesses from the first sound only, say all the sounds again, a little faster.

3 Practise

A. Listen to the robot. Draw the word in the box. Grown-up: say **b-e-d** for box 1, then **s-u-n** for box 2.

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B. Listen to the robot. Ring the right picture.

Grown-up says **d-o-g**



Grown-up says **s-u-n**



Grown-up says **h-e-n**



Grown-up says **b-u-s**



Grown-up says **f-o-x**



Grown-up says **m-a-p**



C. Robot check! Is the word right? Ring the tick or the cross.

Grown-up says **p-i-g**
"Is it **pig**?"
✓ ✗

Grown-up says **d-o-g**
"Is it **duck**?"
✓ ✗

Grown-up says **c-u-p**
"Is it **cup**?"
✓ ✗

Grown-up says **h-e-n**
"Is it **hat**?"
✓ ✗

Challenge

The robot says **d… o… g**. Ava shouts, "Duck!" Is she right? Which sounds did she forget to listen to?

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I can… Tick when you can.

- ☐ listen to robot sounds, one at a time
- ☐ push the sounds together to hear the word
- ☐ talk like a robot for someone else