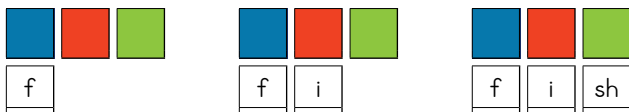


Using Letter Tile Free Play to Practice Spelling Words

[Letter Tile Free Play](#), located in the “Other Resources” section of the Really Great Reading [Home Connection](#) website, can be used to practice spelling your child’s single-syllable spelling words in a way that makes the words’ sound-spelling connections clear.

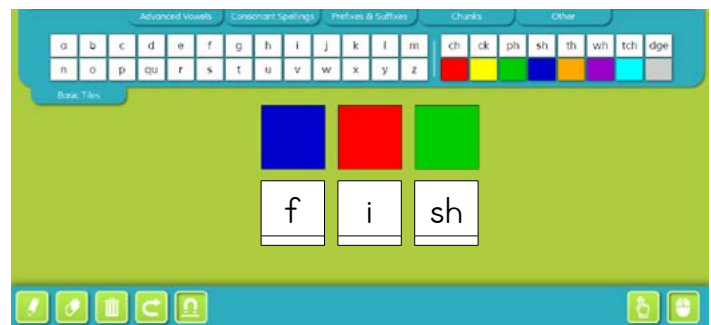
Procedure

- Tell your child the spelling word, say it in a contextual sentence, and then say the word again.
 - Fish** – Our pet **fish** just swims in circles. **Fish**.
- Your child should then segment, or separate, the sounds in the word using finger-stretching, or stretching out one finger for each sound, beginning with the thumb. This will tell them how many sounds, not letters, are in the word.
 - /f/ /i/ /sh/, fish – **3** sounds
- Using the color tiles in Letter Tile Free Play, your child should pull down a color tile for each sound they hear in the word. We typically use the red tile to represent the vowel sound in the word.
- Using the letter tiles, your child should spell each sound they heard, one at a time.



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Learn more about finger-stretching in the Teacher/Parent Crash Course video in the “Other Resources” section of the Really Great Reading [Home Connection](#) website.



When a sound is spelled with more than one letter (ex: /sh/ is spelled with the letters **s** and **h**), they should use just one letter tile to represent that sound. The number of color tiles should match the number of letter tiles.

Examples of Other Words

SPELLING WORD	CONTEXTUAL SENTENCE	LETTER TILE SETUP
thin	The stick I found was thin , not thick.	
shell	We found a shiny shell on the beach.	
bring	Please bring the plate over here.	
heard	I've heard that song before.	
stood	I stood up when she called my name.	

Pull single-syllable words from the spelling lists correlated with your child's instructional program.

* The 'll' letter tile is found in the Consonant Spellings tab in Letter Tile Free Play.

* The 'ing' tile can be found in the Chunks tab in Letter Tile Free Play.

* The 'ear' tile can be found in the Advanced Vowels tab in Letter Tile Free Play.

* The 'oo' tile can be found in the Advanced Vowels tab in Letter Tile Free Play.