

Decoding Routine: Elkonin Boxes
20-25 minutes daily Start Date:

Materials Used:

For Elkonin Boxes:

- White Board and marker OR Boxes Template (Laminated)
- Word Lists (CVC to start with)

For Connection to Text:

- A decodable reader/passage with CVC words practiced within text

Instructional Routine

Elkonin Boxes (Sounds Boxes)

1. Using word list, teacher reads the word, says word in a sentence. Student repeats the word.
2. Student “counts sounds” of the words in fingers. The number of fingers student puts up is the number of boxes drawn/used.
3. Student puts one sound in each box. Student pronounces whole word.
4. Repeat this routine for the list of words.

Link to Model Lesson:

Time: 10-15 minutes

Connection to Text

Whenever possible, provide a short passage or decodable book at instructional level to practice reading CVC words within connected text.

1. Have the student browse the passage/story for words with the patterns practiced to decode ahead of time.
2. If there are more difficult words within the text, read the sentence aloud first, then have the student re-read it back to you.
3. Read as many pages as time allows (an entire story may not be completed in one session).

Time: 5-7 minutes

TOTAL SESSION TIME: 20-25 minutes

Baseline:

Goal:

Progress Monitoring Procedure: