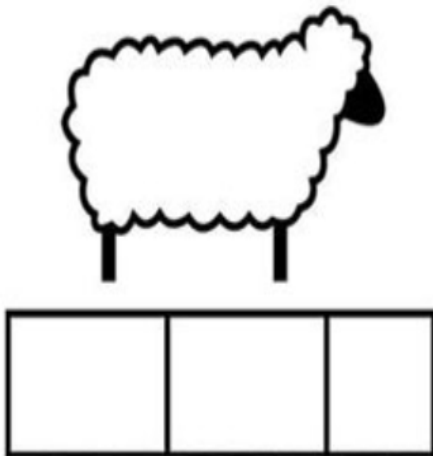


How to use Elkonin Boxes

1. Pronounce a target word slowly, stretching it out by sound.
2. Ask the child to repeat the word.
3. Draw "boxes" or squares on a piece of paper, chalkboard, or dry erase board with one box for each syllable or phoneme.
4. Have the child count the number of phonemes in the word, not necessarily the number of letters. For example, *wish* has three phonemes and will use three boxes. /w/, /i/, /sh/
5. Direct the child to slide one colored circle, unifix cube, or corresponding letter in each cell of the Elkonin box drawing as he/she repeats the word.

The example below shows an Elkonin Box for the word "sheep," which consists of three phonemes (sounds): /sh/ /ee/ /p/



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Handout #2 Elkonin boxes

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