

Step-by-Step Reading Program

Letter Swap Whiteboard Exercise: o, oa

Goal: To recognize that the letter 'o' and the letter pair 'oa' can represent two different sounds.

Materials: one small whiteboard, a dry-erase marker, and an eraser for each student.

Preparation: Cut out the letter tiles shown below.

Instructions

1. Spell the word *cot*

- Say the word 'cot'. Ask students to say the first sound in this word and to place the letter that represents this sound on the board. Repeat with the other sounds. Ask students to say the word and write it.

2. Change the word *cot* to *coat*

- Tell students to remove the letter representing the /o/ sound and to put the letter representing the /oe/ sound (the letter pair 'oa') in its place.
- Ask the students to say all the sounds in the new word. Ask them to say the new word and to write it.

Repeat task 2 above to change:

- coat to goat
- got to bot
- goat to got
- bot to boat

