

## Directions

Print out the game board(s) you want to use and the corresponding playing cards. All of the playing cards were created in such a way that no paper is wasted. Use a paper trimmer or scissors — but you will not have any left over pieces! NO WASTED PAPER!

Laminate for durability!

You will need a playing piece for each student (cubes, tokens, coins, etc) and that's all! No dice or spinners are needed for these games. All games are played the same way, but the <u>skills</u> change.

I personally love these games because in order to play, the students actually have to be able to differentiate between the short vowel sounds in each picture on the game board in order to determine where their playing piece goes! For example, on the Middle A game board, there will also be pictures of words with the short i, o, and u sounds. This creates great learning opportunities! I always use these in reading groups before putting them into literacy centers.

These are easy to store and organize! I keep each game board and the corresponding playing cards in a big ziplock bag.

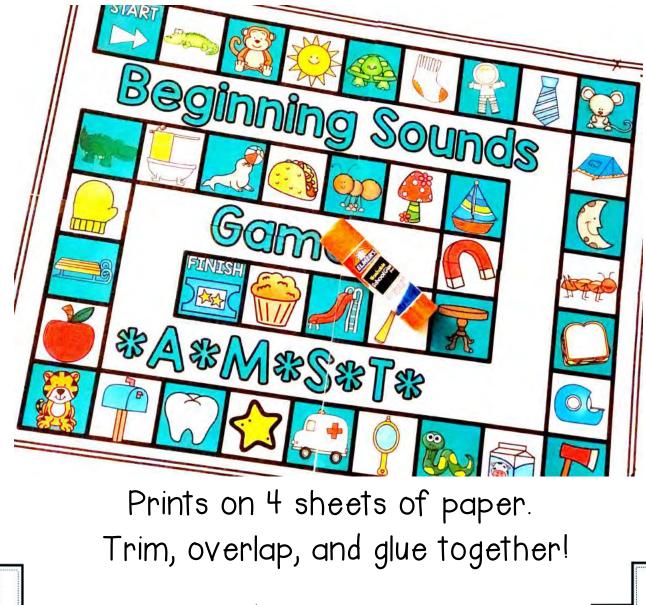
## How to Play

Mix up the playing cards for the game. Place them face down in a nice and tidy pile.

Player One takes the first card off the top of the pile. Player One will either get a short vowel letter card (Aa, Ee, etc) which means they need to move their playing piece to the FIRST picture on the board that matches their card. Or, they will get a card that says Move 1 or 2 spaces forward or back. Their card goes face up in a new pile so as not to get the two piles mixed up. Player Two takes the next card, reads the card, and does the same. <u>If a player</u> <u>is already on the spot, the player draws another</u> <u>card (or they can share the spot)!</u>

If players run out of cards, mix up the cards and start again!

## Create LARGE sized GAME BOARDS.



Beginning Sounds Games are available HERE.

