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Vowel Fish

Skill: vowel discrimination

Materials

- a set of Picture Vowel Fish cards (pages 102–109) or Vowel Fish (pages 110–119) for every two students
- scissors
- crayons (optional)

Preparation

- 1. Copy the Vowel Fish or Picture Vowel Fish cards onto heavy paper. (**Note:** The cards, as ordered in this book, become progressively harder. Before you photocopy them, you may wish to review the cards to decide just how difficult you want the game to be.)
- 2. Color the pictures, if you desire. Cut out the cards along the dashed lines. You may want to laminate them for durability.

Procedure (2 players)

Picture Vowel Fish

- 1. Each player gets five Picture Vowel Fish cards. The rest of the cards are placed, face down in the center of the table.
- 2. Player one asks player two, "Do you have a card that has the same sound the (*vowel on the picture card*) makes in the word (*name of the picture on the card*)?" Player two must then look through his or her cards and gives player one a card which has the same vowel sound. For example, player one might ask "Do you have a card that has the same sound that the 'u' makes in the word 'cup'?" Player two might give player one the card with the picture of nuts, which also has a short "u."
- 3. If player two does not have the card that was requested, he or she must say, "Go Vowel Fish." Player one must then draw from the pile of cards in the middle of the table. If the player draws a matching card, he or she gets an extra turn.
- 4. If a player gives another player the wrong card (for example, a word with a long "u" instead of a short "u"), he or she gets the card back.
- 5. The players continue taking turns until the pile of cards in the center of the table is gone. The winner is the person with the most sets of matching vowel cards.

Vowel Fish

- 1. This game is played the same way as described above except the players use the Vowel Fish cards. The players must match the single vowels or underlined vowels on the cards.
- 2. This game is a little more difficult because the players must be able to read the words.

Vowel Fish (cont.)

Picture Vowel Fish Cards (cont.)

