

Directions for wordcatcher play

Follow these directions to use the word catcher:

1. The student inserts his thumbs and index fingers below the outside flaps to operate the word catcher. To begin, the student holds the word catcher closed and chooses a picture from one of the outside flaps. The student spells the word below the picture, opening the word catcher for each letter of the word. We'll use the example word ice .

i -moves thumbs and index fingers apart horizontally

c-moves thumbs and index fingers apart vertically

e- moves thumbs and index fingers apart horizontally

2. When the word catcher is opened to spell the last letter, the student chooses one of the words revealed. The student says the word and then spells it, opening the word catcher in opposite directions for each letter.

3. The student chooses another word from the choices revealed. The student says the word, then opens the flap beneath the word and reads aloud the clue revealed. The answer will have that particular phonogram in it.

4. The student closes the inner flap and closes the word catcher. Then the student repeats