Sound Flip Box

Listen to each sound, then say the sounds backward.

3.LF.7.c "Reverse phonemes in a spoken word."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline tap, pan, top, and net in the last paragraph. Say each word aloud, then write 3, 2, 1 above its letters to show the order you will say its sounds backward.

The Box of Sound Cards

1. At recess, I found a little box of word cards on the library table. A note on the lid said, "Try a sound flip." We would say a word slowly, listen for each sound, and then say the sounds backward. We were flipping sounds we heard, not the letters we saw. Some flips made new words. Others made silly sounds.

2. Ms. Bell gave us a practice word: seal. I said its three sounds aloud, starting with the s sound and ending with the l sound. When I said the sounds from last to first, I heard lease. The letters did not help much, since seal and lease are spelled in different ways. Listening helped me keep each sound in the right spot.

3. Then four cards slid from the box. They said tap, pan, top, and net. I read each card to my partner, but I did not tell her what I heard after the flip. She shut her eyes so she could listen instead of stare at the letters. We took turns saying one sound at a time before we tried each word backward.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Say the sounds in tap backward. What word do you hear?

2. Say the sounds in pan backward. What word do you hear?

3. Say the sounds in top backward. What word do you hear?

4. Say the sounds in net backward. What word do you hear?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a three-sound word that is not in the passage. Write its sounds in order and in reverse order, then write the word or silly sound you hear.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline tap, pan, top, and net in the last paragraph. Say each word aloud, then write 3, 2, 1 above its letters to show the order you will say its sounds backward. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Say the sounds in tap backward. What word do you hear?	**pat**
2	Say the sounds in pan backward. What word do you hear?	**nap**
3	Say the sounds in top backward. What word do you hear?	**pot**
4	Say the sounds in net backward. What word do you hear?	**ten**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Word: rat. Sounds: r, short a, t. Backward: t, short a, r. I hear tar.

Check that students reversed the spoken sounds, not just the written letters. For Your Turn, accept a real word or a pronounceable silly sound if its sounds match the reverse order.