**Rhyming—The ability to identify and form rhyming words.**  
Example: Do these words rhyme?-fun—fan no-pig—wig yes-cheer—year yes-bread—seed no  
 **Sound Matching—The ability to hear and identify similar word patterns.**  
Example: Which word does not belong?-sun, sad, sip, tub tub-mat, bat, hop, cat hop-bee, meat, sea, fee meat  
  
**Syllable Counting—The ability to identify the number of syllables in spoken words.**  
Example: How many syllables do you hear in these words?-ticket 2-dog 1-bicycle 3-pencil 2\* When letters appear between slash marks (such as /k/), the sound rather than the letter name is represented.  
  
**Syllable Segmenting--The ability to identify onsets and rimes.\***  
Example: What word do you have when you join these sounds together?-j-ump jump-t-an tan-cl-imb climb-str-eet street  
  
**Phoneme Blending—The ability to orally blend individual sounds to form a word.**  
Example: What word do you have when you join these sounds together?-/m/ /a/ /p/ map-/j/ /a/ /k/ jack-/ch/ /ee/ /p/ cheap-/b/ /r/ /o/ /k/ broke  
  
**Phoneme Isolation—The ability to identify the beginning, middle, and ending sounds in  
a word.**  
Example:-What’s the beginning sound in toe? /t/-What’s the middle sound in big? /i/-What’s the ending sound in plane? /n/  
  
**Phoneme Counting—The ability to count the number of phonemes in a word.**  
Example: How many sounds do you hear in these words?-at 2-lake 3-paint 4-tent 4\* An onset is all the sounds in a word that come before the first vowel. A rime is the first vowelin a word and all the sounds that follow. (For example, in the word splash, the onset is spl- andthe rime is –ash.)  
  
**Phoneme Segmentation—The ability to break apart a word into individual sounds.**  
Example: Which sounds do you hear in these words?-mud /m/ /u/ /d/-play /p /l/ /a/-strike /s/ /t/ /r/ /i/ /k/  
  
**Phoneme Addition—The ability to add a beginning, a middle, or ending sound to a  
word.**  
Example:-What word would you have if you added /b/ to the beginning of low? ***blow***-What word would you have if you added /r/ to the middle of bed? ***bread***-What word would you have if you added /s/ to the end of how? ***house***  
 **Phoneme Deletion—The ability to omit the beginning, middle, or ending sound from a  
word.**  
Example:-What word would you have if you took out the /f/ in flake? ***lake***-What word would you have if you took out the /l/ in play? ***pay***-What word would you have if you took out the /t/ in meat? ***me******Phoneme Substitution—The ability to substitute a new sound for the beginning,  
middle, or ending sound of a word.***Example:-What word would you have if you changed the /b/ in ball to a /t/? ***tall***-What word would you have if you changed the /o/ in hot to an /a/? ***hat***-What word would you have if you changed the /p/ in map to a /d/? ***mad***