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### 1. Introduction

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The Torlam Elkonin Boxes Phonemic Awareness Phonics Games are designed to assist children in developing essential phonemic awareness and early literacy skills. This set provides a hands-on approach to segmenting words into individual sounds (phonemes) and understanding word structure. It is suitable for use in educational settings such as preschools, elementary schools, and homeschooling environments.

#### Package Contents:

- 80 Double-Sided Sound Box Mats (20 cards each for 2, 3, 4, and 5 phonemes)
- 100 Red Round Chips
- 2 Dry-Erase Markers



Image 1.1: Overview of the Torlam Elkonin Boxes Phonemic Awareness Phonics Games components.



Image 1.2: Detailed illustration of the package contents and their quantities.

## 2. Setup

Setting up the Elkonin Boxes for use is straightforward. Ensure you have a clean, flat surface for the activity.

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all 80 sound box mats, 100 red round chips, and 2 dry-erase markers from their packaging.
2. **Organize Cards:** The sound box mats are double-sided. One side features a sight word or image, and the other side displays the Elkonin boxes for phoneme segmentation. You may choose to organize the cards by the number of phonemes (2, 3, 4, or 5) or by specific learning objectives.
3. **Prepare Chips and Markers:** Place the red chips within easy reach. Ensure the dry-erase markers are ready for use.

## 3. Operating Instructions

The Elkonin Boxes are designed to help children segment words into individual sounds (phonemes). This process enhances phonemic awareness, a critical skill for reading and spelling.

### 3.1 Basic Usage: Segmenting Phonemes

1. **Select a Card:** Choose a sound box mat. Start with cards featuring fewer phonemes (e.g., 2 or 3) for beginners.
2. **Identify the Word:** Present the side of the card with the image and the word. Ask the child to identify the word.
3. **Segment Sounds:** Flip the card to the side with the Elkonin boxes. Instruct the child to say the word slowly, stretching out each sound. For each sound they hear, they should slide one red chip into a box.
4. **Count Phonemes:** After placing chips for all sounds, count the chips to confirm the number of phonemes in the word.

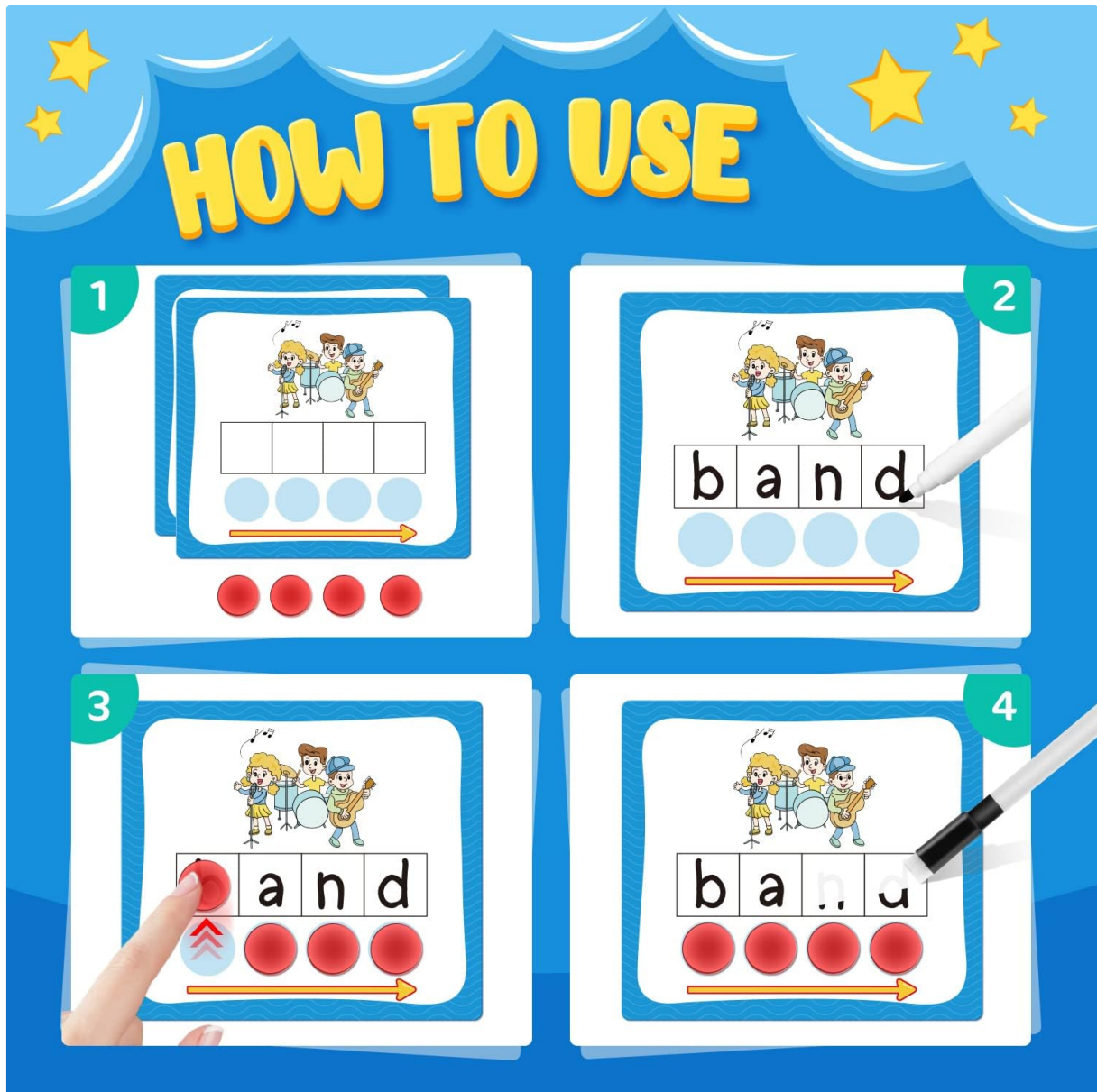


Image 3.1: Visual guide for using Elkonin boxes to segment sounds.



Image 3.2: Close-up of a hand demonstrating chip placement for phoneme segmentation.

### 3.2 Advanced Usage: Spelling and Word Recognition

The double-sided cards offer two levels of learning:

- **Sight Word Recognition:** One side of the card features a word and an image. This side can be used for practicing sight word recognition.
- **Spelling with Sound Boxes:** The other side provides Elkonin boxes and space to write letters. After segmenting the sounds with chips, the child can use the dry-erase marker to write the corresponding letters in the boxes, practicing spelling.

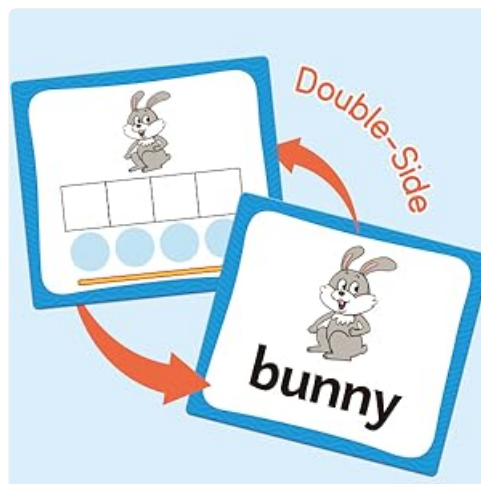


Image 3.3: Illustration of the double-sided flashcard feature.



Image 3.4: Demonstrating writing letters in the sound boxes.

### 3.3 Learning Levels

The set includes cards categorized by the number of phonemes, allowing for progressive learning:

- **2 Phonemes:** Simple words like 'two', 'zoo'.
- **3 Phonemes:** Words like 'moon', 'pig'.
- **4 Phonemes:** Words like 'brush', 'band'.
- **5 Phonemes:** Words like 'birthday', 'window'.



Image 3.5: Examples of flashcards across different phoneme levels.



Image 3.6: Full list of words included, organized by phoneme count.

## 4. Maintenance

Proper care will ensure the longevity of your Torlam Elkonin Boxes set.

- **Cleaning Cards:** The cards have a coated surface, allowing them to be wiped clean. Use a soft, dry cloth or a slightly damp cloth to remove dry-erase marker residue. Avoid abrasive cleaners.
- **Storing Components:** Store all cards, chips, and markers in their original packaging or a suitable container to prevent loss or damage. Keep them away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Marker Care:** Ensure dry-erase markers are capped tightly after each use to prevent them from drying out.

## 5. Troubleshooting

Here are solutions to common questions or issues you might encounter:

- **Difficulty Segmenting Sounds:** If a child struggles to segment sounds, try modeling the process slowly and clearly. Use exaggerated pronunciation for each phoneme. Start with very simple CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words.
- **Chips Not Staying in Place:** Ensure the playing surface is flat and stable. The chips are designed to be easily moved, so gentle handling is recommended.
- **Marker Residue:** If marker residue persists, try using a small amount of rubbing alcohol on a soft cloth to clean the card surface, then wipe with a damp cloth. Test on an inconspicuous area first.
- **Lost Components:** In case of lost chips or markers, replacements can often be found at educational supply stores or through the manufacturer.

## 6. Specifications

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<b>Model</b>	Elkonin Boxes Phonemic Awareness Phonics Games
<b>ASIN</b>	B0BZRG3P6N
<b>Age Range (Description)</b>	Kid (Manufacturer recommended age: 3 years and up)
<b>Number of Pieces</b>	80 Sound Box Mats, 100 Red Round Chips, 2 Dry-Erase Markers
<b>Material</b>	Cardboard with coated surface (cards), Plastic (chips)
<b>Item Weight</b>	15.1 ounces
<b>Package Dimensions</b>	5.87 x 4.8 x 2.17 inches

## 7. Warranty & Support

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For specific warranty information regarding your Torlam Elkonin Boxes, please refer to the product packaging or contact the seller directly. General support inquiries can often be resolved by reviewing this manual or reaching out to the manufacturer's customer service if available.

**Manufacturer:** Guangzhou junfengrui Trading Co., Ltd

For further assistance, please visit the [Torlam Store on Amazon](#).