

Acoustic Highlighting

Emphasizing a specific word or sound within a word, phrase, or sentence.

How does it work?



We can highlight a sound or word several ways: by pausing before saying the it, raising your pitch, or whispering. Imagine using a highlighter to draw your child's attention to certain sounds or words.

Why do we do it?



Draws your child's auditory attention to important information within connected language.



Highlights key features of sounds in important words and makes language easier to hear.



Helps you to emphasize new grammatical structures, new vocabulary, or correct speech sounds through listening.

Example Scenarios:



When a child says, "doggy sleeping," highlight the auxiliary verb *is* by saying, "Yes! The dog **IS** sleeping."



When reading "Goodnight Gorilla," the reader can emphasize new animals by saying, "Night-night **LION**... goodnight **GIRAFFE**."



When a child says "bubby" for "puppy," we can highlight the /p/ by whispering, "puppy."