



### **What is “Wobbly Words” and why is it important?**

“Wobbly Words” (Adams, 1991) is a strategy that helps your child practice adding and deleting sounds in words. This is an important step in developing phonemic awareness and learning to read.

### **How can I use “Wobbly Words” with my child?**

Encourage your child to listen to the word that you say. Then, have your child say it back to you with a sound added or deleted from the original word. You can help your child learn the strategy by playing “Wobbly Words” with his own name and names of family members. Following are examples of “Wobbly Words.”

#### **To Delete Sounds**

Say rat without the /r/ = at

Say brain without the /b/ = rain

Say scold without the /s/ = cold

#### **To Add Sounds**

Say at and add /c/ at the beginning = cat

Say raid and add /b/ at the beginning = braid

Say pan and add /s/ at the beginning = span