Onset and Rime

Sound Detective

**Objective**
The students will segment, blend, and match onsets and rimes in words.

**Materials**
- Detective hat or detective hat pattern (Activity Master PA.023.AM1)  
  *Enlarge, copy twice, color, laminate, and attach to headband.*
- Two magnifying glasses
- Rime picture boards (Activity Master PA.023.AM2a - PA.023.AM2b)  
  *Copy on card stock, cut on the outside line, and laminate.*
- Rime picture cards (Activity Master PA.023.AM3a - PA.023.AM3b)  
  *Copy on card stock and cut apart.*

**Activity**
Students match rimes while playing a detective game.
1. Place rime picture cards face down in a stack. Place rime picture boards on a flat surface. Students put on detective hats and hold magnifying glasses.
2. Taking turns, student one selects the top card and silently names the picture (e.g., cat). Then, orally segments the word into onset and rime (i.e., “/k/ /at/”).
3. Student two says the word by blending the sounds (i.e., "cat") and uses a magnifying glass to search on the rime picture board for the picture with the matching rime.
4. Names the matching rime board picture, orally segments the word into onset and rime (i.e., “hat, /h/ /at/”), places card on the picture, and says, “Mystery solved!”
5. Reverse roles and continue until all cards are placed on rime board.
6. Peer evaluation

**Extensions and Adaptations**
- Write rhyming rebus sentences using the small rime picture cards.
Phonological Awareness

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detective hat
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rime picture board: man, hen, nest, knee, jet, dig, mat, pop, dog, pet, mouse, pen, hip, hat, can, bone
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- mop, ring, wall, bug, wheel, hole, goat, dish, lip, swing, zip, clock, pig, star, wheat, moon

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rime picture board: mop, ring, wall, bug, wheel, hole, goat, dish, lip, swing, zip, clock, pig, star, wheat, moon
rime picture cards: van, net, log, ship, men, twig, wet, cat, vest, house, bee, bat, fan, hop, ten, cone
rime picture cards: top, heel, chip, wig, king, pole, string, rock, ball, boat, rip, meat, mug, fish, car, spoon