

# ***Pizza Mind Reader!***

## ***(Musselwhite, 2006)***

**WHY: Purpose of the Activity:** This activity helps students learn to make 'educated guesses' using features including:

- Rhyme (ex: cheese / please)
- printed onset - letters up to the first vowel (e.g., ch, p, s)
- sounded out onset - sound chunks up to the first vowel (/ch/, /p/)
- length of word (visual difference between peas and pepperoni)
- context (e.g., what would be good or yucky on a pizza)

Students pair at least two of these clues to make a guess about which word will fill in the rhyme. This game is played with names of students in the class, to increase motivation.

**HOW: Directions:** This game can be played in a variety of ways, depending on the needs of the students. Basically, the leader calls out a rhyme, then gives a print clue or a sound clue. Examples:

*Print Clue:* "Celia says, please, I want my pizza with lots of . . ." (pauses and holds up card with onset /ch/ + blanks showing a word the length of 'cheese')

*Sound Clue:* "Celia says, please, I want pizza with lots of . . ." (pauses and gives verbal prompt 'ch').

*Note:* you may begin each turn by holding up name cards for students, so they will know who is 'next' (optional)

**WHAT: Materials:** name cards for students (optional);

guessing cards:

- a) symbols of rhyming words (cheese, pepperoni, etc.) - easiest
- b) word cards (show entire word, giving clue for length of word)
- c) onset cards (showing onset + length of word)

*Note:* those cards should be used for some games - some mind reader games should be played giving the onset verbally).

- d) Sentence strips with the rhymes written out (optional)

## Pizza Mind Reader Rhymes

Celia says, please,  
I want pizza with lots of ch \_\_\_\_\_!

Daniel says, baloney,  
I want my pizza with p\_\_\_\_\_!

Tory says, no no please,  
I do not want my pizza with p\_\_\_\_\_

Samuel says, I'm very cross,  
I want pizza with much more s \_\_\_\_\_!

Marcus says, it smells like bunions!  
It's a yucky pizza if it has o \_\_\_\_\_!

Eric says, no more nickles.  
I won't buy a pizza if it has p\_\_\_\_\_!

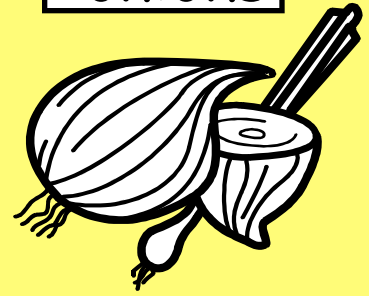
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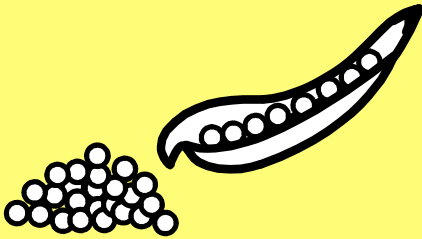
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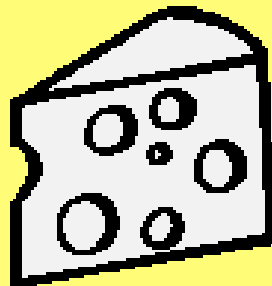
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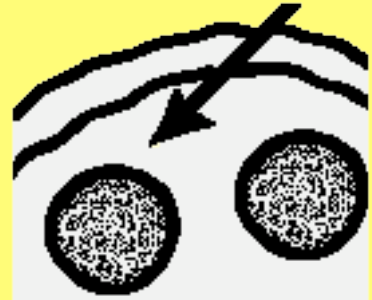
peas



cheese



pepperoni



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**Pizza Today Mind Reader: Symbols  
(cut apart & laminate)**

**cheese**

**peas**

**pepperoni**

**sauce**

**onions**

**pickles**

ch \_\_\_\_\_

p \_\_\_\_\_

p \_\_\_\_\_

s \_\_\_\_\_

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