

Using the Interactive Whiteboard Activities

With a large display and countless opportunities for collaborative learning, using an interactive whiteboard is an effective and engaging way to teach students the skills they'll need to succeed in the 21st century.

Many of the activities in *Teaching Phonics* are available on the companion CD for use with your interactive whiteboard. Just look for the whiteboard icons **IWB** on each lesson routine page indicating print activities that have an interactive version. The sidebar on this page also lets you see screen shots of each activity at a glance. These variations on the print materials offer students even more active, hands-on learning opportunities. The activities have been carefully designed for use during whole-group or small-group instruction. They are also ideal for partner practice during classroom center time.

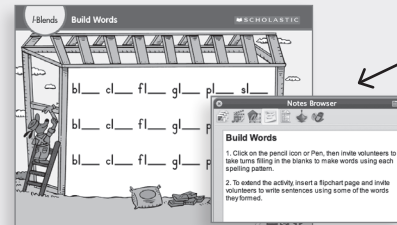
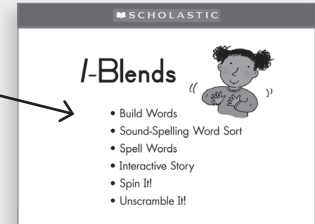
Whether you and your students are beginners or already adept at using an interactive whiteboard, you will find that these fun and dynamic activities are easy to use. To get started, download the ActivInspire flipchart files onto the computer that connects to your interactive whiteboard. Then select the alphabet letter or phonics or word study skill you wish to target. It's a good idea to try out the whiteboard activities before sharing them with your students. The notes that accompany the whiteboard activities provide teaching suggestions as well as tips for using specific whiteboard functions.

See Tech Tips for the Interactive Whiteboard Activities, page 16, for more.

NOTE: If you don't already have ActivInspire software, you can access a free personal version after registering with Promethean Planet (www.prometheanplanet.com). For more information, click the links you'll find on the PDF included on the CD.

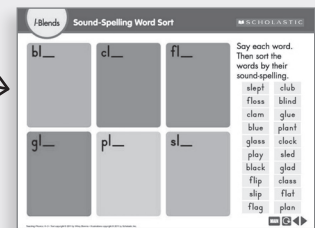
Here's a look at the flipchart pages in a typical lesson.

Main Menu
Click on the activity title to go to that flipchart page.



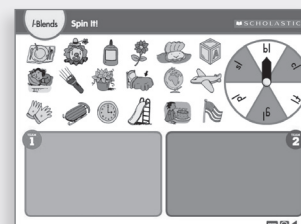
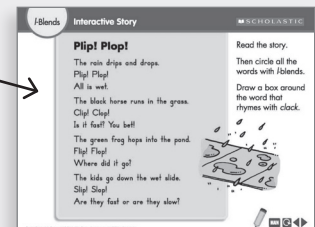
Build Words
Teaching notes guide you step by step through the lesson.

Sound-Spelling Word Sort
Self-correcting drag-and-drop sorting activity.



Spell Words
An answer key lets children check their work instantly.

Interactive Story
The Pen function lets children interact with the text by circling words containing the target phonics skill.



Learning Center
These games and activities often include interactive spinners, number cubes, timers, and stopwatches.

Tech Tips for the Interactive Whiteboard Activities

If you are still getting familiar with ActivInspire software, check the tips online at Promethean Planet (www.prometheanplanet.com). To help you navigate the flipchart pages, specific toolbar palettes for each activity have been created. The following is an overview of the main ActivInspire features you may also use with these activities. All are available in the toolbox unless otherwise noted.

	Page Browser Use this function to call up the flipchart page you'd like to display. (It is located in the Browser window found under View in the toolbar at the top of the screen.)
	Notes Browser In the Notes Browser, also located in the Browser window, you will find teaching notes for most of the flipchart pages. Teaching notes include suggestions for teaching the lessons and tips for using the whiteboard tools.
	Select This function works like a typical computer mouse when you navigate the screen.
	Pen Use the Pen function to write directly on the screen in digital "ink." You may change the color and width of the ink.
	Highlighter Use the Highlighter to call attention to key text. You may also change its color and width.
	Pen Options To modify the Toolbox for a greater color selection, select Customize, then select Layout. In the Main Toolbox, choose the option to display 16 or 24 colors.
	Eraser Like its old-fashioned counterpart, this eraser removes unwanted writing. It will work on text and lines created with the Pen function. It will not work on locked text or images.
	Duplicate This feature allows you to make a copy of any movable letter or image. Just click on the letter or image, then on Duplicate.
	Enlarge To enlarge a movable letter or image, click on it, then drag the lower right Handle until the letter or image is the desired size.
	Sound Controller For activities that include an audio component, you may wish to turn off the Sound Controller screen that pops up on the flipchart page. To do this, go to Preferences, select Multimedia, and then deselect Show Sound Controller.

Icons are subject to change as the software is upgraded.

Special Features for This Resource

For easy access, you'll find these interactive tools at the bottom of most activity page screens:



Previous/Next Page

Use these icons to navigate between pages.



Reset

Select this function to instantly clear all modifications from a flipchart page and return it to its original form.

MAIN

Main Menu

Clicking this button returns you to the menu screen for each lesson.

ANSWERS

Answers

Select this icon and an answer key will appear on the flipchart page.



Pencil

Use the Pencil as a short-cut to activate the Pen or Highlighter (see descriptions, at right), and write directly on the screen. To change colors, selected the desired color from the Toolbox.



Audio

Click this icon to hear an audio version of the ABC song, letter chants, and Storybooks.