


Strategy Sixteen: Phonics Riddles

By using phonograms, students can change the names of animals to match new definitions. For example: After brainstorming words that end in "ell" students can change elephant to tellephant (an elephant who talks a lot) or sellephant (a super salesman elephant.)

EXAMPLE Grades K-1

 **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle. Philomel Books, 1969.

BOOKTALK

Imagine how exciting it would be to travel on an adventuresome journey into the life of a caterpillar. It certainly would be interesting to experience all the changes a caterpillar goes through from the time it is hatched from an egg and spins a cocoon until it emerges as a beautiful butterfly. On a beautiful sunny Sunday morning a little egg does hatch and out comes a green fuzzy caterpillar. This caterpillar was very hungry so he ate everything he could find, including cake and pickles. In fact, the caterpillar ate so much that he got a stomachache but before he could spin his cocoon he had to eat something else. Can you guess what it was?

ACTIVITY Let's write caterpillar jokes.

1. List words that end in at. (fat, scat, brat, flat, splat, etc.)
2. Choose one word from the list. Example: brat.
3. Tell what the word means. (One who misbehaves.)
4. Write the caterpillar joke.

What do you call a caterpillar that misbehaves?

Answer: A braterpillar

