What Will Students Learn?
Hot Dots® Phonics Flash Cards are two cards in one! Use the cards with the interactive Hot Dots® pen (sold separately) for independent review and practice with phonics, or use the cards by themselves as traditional flash cards. This set provides practice in identifying short and long vowel sounds and reading words and phrases with long and short vowels.

What’s on Each Card?

Using the Cards with the Hot Dots® Pen
Independent practice is easy with Hot Dots® Phonics Flash Cards and pen. First, look at the picture (for example, the pig). Then look at the answer choices. Use the pen to select the short vowel sound heard in the word pig. The pen gives instant feedback. When a correct answer is selected, the pen lights up and speaks one of many fun, congratulatory sounds. If an incorrect answer is selected, the pen provides encouraging redirection.

Demonstrate how to use the pen with the Hot Dots® Flash Cards before children work independently. Show how to position the pen on a Hot Dot answer choice. Make sure the tip of the pen touches the center of the dot next to the answer, and that it sits flat on the surface of the Hot Dot.
**TIPS**
- Do NOT laminate the cards. The pen cannot detect correct and incorrect answers when cards are laminated.
- Make sure the cards rest on a hard surface, such as a tabletop, when using the pen on them.

**How to Position the Hot Dots® Pen**

Make sure the tip of the Hot Dots pen sits flat on the surface of the answer dot as shown above.

**Using the Cards as Traditional Activity Cards**

Hold up a card with the question facing the child. Have the child identify the picture (for example, pig) and then say the answer (i). The answer for each question is shown on the bottom of the opposite side of the card.