



### Inflection Toss



#### Objective

The student will blend base words and inflections to make words.



#### Materials


- ▶ Base word and inflection grids
- ▶ Shallow boxes (e.g., shoe boxes, small plastic containers)  
*Place each grid in the bottom of a box.*
- ▶ Two small bean bags
- ▶ Paper
- ▶ Pencils




#### Activity

Students make words combining base words and inflections by playing a bean bag game.

1. Place boxes side by side with the base word box on the left and inflection box on the right. Place small bean bags at the center. Provide each student with paper.
2. Taking turns, students toss a small bean bag into each box. Say the base word and inflection on which the bags land (e.g., “walk-ing”). Blend them and read the word (i.e., “walking”).
3. Determine if the word is real or nonsense. If real, write the word on paper.
4. Continue until at least ten real words are listed on paper.
5. Teacher evaluation

Base Words		
toss	short	eat
smart		look

Inflections		
s		ed
est	es	er

tosses  
smartest  
walking



#### Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Use other base words.

## Base Words

toss

short

eat

smart

walk

look

base word grid



## Inflections

s

ing

ed

est

es

er

inflection grid



## Base Words

cook

play

sing

fast

fish

tall

base word grid

