C9: Which Sounds Longer? SUGGESTED WORD PAIRS

Start by pairing a three-syllable or four-syllable word with a one-syllable word. Once the child has the hang of the game, you can pair two-syllable and one-syllable words. The number of letters in each word is in parentheses, to tell you which word length cards to use.

3+ Syllables

hippopotamus (12) — cat (3) caterpillar (11) — bus (3) motorcycle (10) — sock (4) pepperoni (9) — fence (5) ballerina (9) — pie (3) harmonica (9) — tent (4) helicopter (10) — leaf (4) rhinoceros (10) — hat (3) aquarium (8) — bird (4) grasshopper (11) — car (3) bulldozer (9) — ant (3) dinosaur (8) — fly (3) butterfly (9) — man (3) mosquito (8) — bear (4) bicycle (7) — tree (4) elephant (8) — dog (3) ladybug (7) — truck (5) pineapple (9) — glass (5) banana (6) — corn (4) hummingbird (11) — owl (3) strawberry (10) — boat (4) envelope (8) — cow (3) tambourine (10) — boot (4) kangaroo (8) — snake (5)

2 Syllables

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baby (4) — house (5)
  rocket (6) — book (4)
skateboard (10) — nail (4)
 puddle (6) — cloud (5)
 pebble (6) — horse (5)
   pillow (6) — fork (4)
  cherry (4) — star (4)
   tiger (5) — door (3)
   flower (6) — sun (3)
  elbow (5) — knee (4)
 peanut (6) — wheel (5)
   table (5) — wall (4)
  rabbit (6) — seed (3)
  dragon (6) — flag (4)
  button (6) — shirt (5)
raccoon (7) — moose (5)
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