THE WORD BLENDER

These words appear in this lesson:
apple  blender  change  consonant  cut  eggs  frozen  fruitcake  green  beans  loaf  move  one  orange  pear  peas  pepper  potato  salt  six  sliced  bread  sweet  corn  tin

PROCEDURE
1. Say these three words separately, with gaps between: Apples. And. Pears.
2. Now say them together as one phrase, with no gaps: Apples and pears.
3. Write the phrase on the board as it sounds:

4. Demonstrate how the consonants in connected speech (‘the word blender’) change:
   - **CONSONANT MOVE** – the final consonant /z/ in apples moves to the start of and.
   - **CONSONANT CUT** – the final consonant in and is cut.
   - **CONSONANT CHANGE** – the consonant /n/ in and is changed to /m/.

5. Divide the class into two teams and give out the worksheet. Play a game of noughts and crosses:
   - The teams take turns to try to win a square.
   - In order to win a square, they should say what the phrase is – for example, apple zum pears is apples and pears. They must also explain at least one way that the consonants changed, from the list 1-3.
   - The object of the game is for a team to win three squares in a row – horizontal, vertical or diagonal.
   - If neither team wins three squares in a row, the team with the most squares wins.

**KEY**
1 = salt and pepper (t moves to and, d in and is cut, n in and changes to m)
2 = a loaf of sliced bread (consonant cut from end of sliced)
3 = an apple and an orange (linking of an to the following word)
4 = one potato (consonant changed to /m/ at the end of one)
5 = frozen peas (consonant changed to /m/ at the end of frozen)
6 = fruit cake (consonant changed to /k/ at the end of fruit)
7 = green beans (consonant changed to /m/ at the end of green)
8 = six eggs (linking of final consonant of six to the following word)
9 = a tin of sweet corn (consonant change at the end of sweet)

**OPTIONAL AUDIO**
You can play the audio to demonstrate how apples and pears and the phrases in this game are pronounced.
In the word blender, *Apples and pears* sounds like this:

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apple zum pears
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Notice that the word blender changes the consonants in three ways:

4. **CONSONANT MOVE** – the final consonant /z/ in *apples* moves to the start of *and*.
5. **CONSONANT CUT** – the final consonant in *and* is cut.
6. **CONSONANT CHANGE** – the consonant /n/ in *and* is changed to /m/.

Play a game. To win a square, say what the phrase is – for example, *apple zum pears* is *apples and pears*. Explain how the word blender changed the consonants. Try to win three squares in a line.