

SIGHT WORD PRACTICE AT HOME

IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES

Parents often inquire about activities and ideas that they can use to help their child practice their sight words outside of school. Below you will find a few activities and ideas to help. I would suggest that you use these for no more than 10 minutes or so. That way it is still engaging and fun for everyone.



What's New!

Choose 3-4 sight words that your child is attempting to master. One at a time, have your child go through a newspaper or magazine and highlight all of those words that they can find.



Backseat Driver

Write 5-6 words that your child needs to practice on a piece of paper or large index card. Use painters tape to tape the list to the back of the head rest in your vehicle that your child sits behind. As you drive to school or while running errands, your child can read the words and spy the words on buildings and billboards. Have them tell you the word they find and where they see it. For instance: I see the word 'you' on that billboard.



I Remember!

Write 2 sets of sight words you are practicing on index cards. Mix the cards up and place them face down on a flat surface. Take turns flipping two cards over at a time, trying to match the sight words by remembering where they are located. When a player finds a match, they keep it and go again. Play until all the cards are matched.



Zap!

Use one set of the cards from *I Remember* and lay them face down on a flat surface. In addition, write the word zap on one card and place it face down as well. One at a time take turns flipping over the cards and reading the word, if it is read correctly, the player keeps it. If not, it goes back on the table. If someone flips the zap card over, all their cards go back onto the table. Set a timer and when the time is up, the player with the most cards is the winner.



Ready, Aim, Read!

If your child loves Nerf guns, this activity will be a favorite. Place the sight words your child is studying on a set of sticky notes and place them on a wall. As you call out words, have your child ready, aim and fire at the word you call out. If you don't have a Nerf gun, use a flash light or rubber bands.



Hide and Go Seek!

Hide sticky notes with sight words written on them around the house without your child seeing where they are hidden. When your child finds a word, they need to bring it back to you and read it. Set a timer to see how long it takes them. Keep track and see if they can better their time.



Practice Makes Perfect!

Give your child many different types of materials to practice writing their sight words. Play-doh, shaving cream, and whipped cream are fun. Have them write words in salt on a tray or with a stick in the sand. If they write them with chalk on the sidewalk, you can then call them out and have them squirt the words with a squirt gun. Get creative and have fun.