

Sight Word Games

A core of known high frequency words, also referred to as sight words, is a valuable resource in helping children to read and write. The following activities were compiled to help strengthen your child's developing sight vocabulary.

- Write your words in shaving cream. Spell the word aloud, or say the sounds, as you write each letter. Remember to say the word and use it in a sentence.
- Write your words in sand, flour, salt or sugar.
- Use magnetic letters to help you practice your sight words.
- Write your words with sidewalk chalk. Play a game of hopscotch to help you practice your words.
- Write your words in a different way each time. You may want to use the following materials: yarn or string, alphabet cereal, cooked spaghetti, pennies, buttons, beans, pasta or rice.
- Write your words by cutting out letters found in newspapers or magazines. Post your words around your house so you can read them as you pass by.
- Write your words in the air. Say the word aloud and then write each letter with an extended finger or arm.
- Have your child write each word on someone's back. Have the person guess the word.
- Make two sets of flashcards with your words. Play a game of concentration or Go Fish.
- Put some of your flashcards in ABC order. Remember to read your words.
- Go on a word scavenger hunt. Locate and circle your words in a newspaper or magazine.
- Using your flashcards, trace the letters with your finger. Bring your flashcards with you in the car or when out doing errands.
- Using your flashcards, sort your words. Find words that: start the same, end the same, rhyme, have the same number of syllables, have the same short vowel sound, or have the same long vowel sound.
- Create rainbow words. Read and write each sight word. Using different colored crayons, trace around the word again and again, reading the word each time.
- Using a tape recorder, name and spell each word. Listen to the tape for extra practice.
- Play a game of tic-tac-toe, hangman, or bingo with your words.
- Visit www.puzzlemaker.com to help create a crossword or word search puzzle.
- Consider purchasing a commercial game, such as Scrabble Jr. or Boggle, to help reinforce working with words.
- Read, read, read! Notice all of your sight words in your favorite books.