







Practicing Sight Words at Home... Make it Fun!

Your child is on the road to independent reading...and learning sight words will play an important role in that journey! Learning to automatically recognize high-frequency sight words positively influences reading fluency and in turn aids in reading comprehension. You can help your child with this important skill at home in many different ways. The most important thing you can do is read to and with your child at home every day. Name words in the books you are reading and have your child frame them with two fingers. You can also practice these words using flash cards or word rings. But practicing sight words doesn't have to be a chore! Try one of these fun ways to engage your child in word learning at home.

Activity	Materials	Directions
<p style="text-align: center;">Where is the Bear?</p> 	<p>Small paper cups</p> <p>Small object</p>	<p>Write sight words on a set of paper cups. Select four cups for the game and place a small object under one of the cups. Move the cups around and have your child guess which cup holds the hidden object. The words should be read aloud as guesses are made.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sight Word Parking Lot</p> 	<p>Poster board parking lot</p> <p>Small matchbox cars</p>	<p>Draw a "parking lot" on a large sheet of paper or poster board. Write a sight word in each parking space. Say a word aloud and have your child drive a car into the parking space with the corresponding word written on it. Vroom, vroom!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Shaving Cream Writing</p> 	<p>Shaving cream</p>	<p>Spray shaving cream onto a clean table top, cookie sheet, or place mat. Spread the shaving cream into a thin layer. Read/show a sight word and ask your child to write the word in the shaving cream. Smear the shaving cream and repeat with more words!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Roll a Sight Word</p> 	<p>Sight Word List</p> <p>Paper divided into columns and numbered 1-6</p> <p>Dice</p>	<p>Invite your child to roll the die and then find a word with the corresponding number of letters on the sight words list. Then ask your child to read the word aloud and write that word in the appropriate column on their paper. Have your child cross off the words he/she has used.</p>

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<p>Muffin Tin Game</p> 	<p>Muffin tin</p> <p>Cupcake liners</p> <p>Small stones or coins</p>	<p>This game is a play on Tic-Tac-Toe. Write a sight word on the bottom of each cupcake liner. Place each liner in a muffin tin cup. You are ready to play! One person calls out a word. The other person takes a place marker and puts it into the correct cup. When three in a row is achieved, you have a winner!</p>
<p>Legos Words</p> 	<p>Building blocks</p> <p>Sticker labels</p>	<p>Write a sight word on each block. Ask your child to read the words on the blocks as they are building. They may also write the words used in their block creation for extra practice.</p>
<p>Sight Word Cup Stack</p> 	<p>Small paper cups (bathroom cups)</p>	<p>Write a sight word on each small paper cup. Ask your child to read the words on the cups as each cup is placed in a tower. You may also play in reverse, having your child read each word as the tower is taken down and the cups are stacked and put away...Or, just play until your tower falls down!</p>
<p>Word Race</p> 	<p>Sight word flash cards (multiple cards per word)</p>	<p>Start with two cards, each on the same spot on the floor or a table with a clear finish line. Place all the other cards in a pile. Players flip one card at a time and when a match is found, they add it to their line. The first player to reach the finish line is the winner.</p>
<p>Jenga Words</p> 	<p>Jenga game blocks</p>	<p>Write a sight word on each Jenga block. Practice reading the words while stacking or building. You can also play the Jenga game as usual, asking each player to read the word on the block he or she pulls from the tower.</p>