



# WORD PLAY

## PRACTICING SIGHT WORDS

Sight words are the most common words in text and spoken language. The ability to have your child automatically recognize words, without sounding them aloud, will help your child be a more fluent reader. Here are activities you can do to assist your child with recognizing these basic words.

1. Make an *alphabet book* with sight words.
2. Make a *word wall* in your child's bedroom by taping words printed on index cards to the wall at your child's eye level.
3. Play *Flashlight*.  
Before bedtime, turn off the lights, shine a flashlight on a word on the word wall, and have your child read the word.
4. Play *Cross-Off*.  
Write the practice words on a large sheet of paper. Read a word to your child. Have your child cross out that word.
5. Play *Follow My Directions*.  
Write the practice words on a sheet of paper. Give your child specific directions to follow. Examples:
  - Draw a red circle around the word *the*.
  - Draw a green line under the word *and*.
  - Put an X on the word *here*.
  - Draw a triangle above the word *we*.
6. Play *What's the Missing Word?*  
Lay five practice words side-by-side on a table. Have your child study the words carefully. Have your child cover his or her eyes. Remove a card from the row. Say, "Open your eyes! What's the missing word?"
5. Have your child find the practice word(s) in a storybook as you read together each day.
6. Have your child use a highlighter to highlight the practice words in a newspaper or in a magazine.
7. Create and display a *word worm* in your child's bedroom.  
Cut out construction paper circles. Draw a face on one circle. Print one practice word on each of the remaining circles. Tape the circles together on a wall to form a "worm."  
Practice reading the worm several times each day.

**100 FREQUENTLY USED WORDS**

a	did	her	over	this
about	do	him	people	three
after	dog	his	play	time
all	down	home	ran	to
an	for	just	said	too
and	from	like	saw	two
are	get	little	school	up
as	go	man	see	us
at	going	me	she	very
back	good	morning	so	was
be	got	mother	some	water
because	I	my	soon	we
big	if	night	started	went
but	in	not	that	were
by	into	of	the	what
call	is	off	their	when
came	it	on	them	will
can	had	one	then	with
could	have	our	there	would
day	he	out	they	you