

One Hundred Words

Reading goes more smoothly for your child when she recognizes 100 of the most common words on sight. But it takes practice to master those words. Find the words on the flip side of this guide, and use the ideas below to make learning them fun and easy!



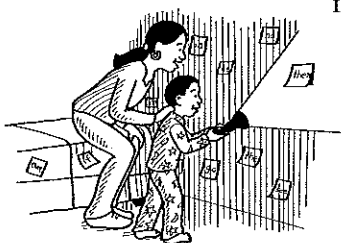
Shake, rattle, read

Print 5–10 sight words on separate small pieces of cardboard or craft foam. Let your youngster drop them in a clear, empty plastic jar. Then, she can fill the jar about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way with uncooked rice, screw on the lid, and shake to mix up the rice and words.

Start a stopwatch or timer. Your child's job is to shake the jar until she sees each word and reads it aloud. Record the time, and have her try again. Each time she reads the words, she'll get a little more comfortable. Once she knows those words, play again with another set.

Shine on!

Together, write sight words on sticky notes. Put them all over your youngster's bedroom walls and furniture. Get a flashlight, and turn out the lights. Say one of the words.



Ask your child to "spot" it with the flashlight and read the word aloud. Next, he gives you a word to find.

Tip: If he picks the wrong word, you might say, "That word is *the*. I am looking for

them." Then, help him find the right word.

Each night, you could name five words for each other to locate. And all day long, the sight words will be on your youngster's wall to see and practice!

Roll the dice

When you play board games with dice, add reading practice. Take an extra die, cover the sides with small pieces of masking tape, and write a different sight word on each one.

Then, start playing the game. To move her token, a player rolls both the word die and the regular number dice. After she reads the word shown, she moves the number rolled. Help your child read the word if she gets stuck.

Go fishing

Write 10 sight words on a sheet of paper. Have your youngster write each letter of every word on a separate index

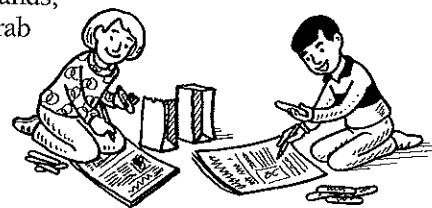
card. Shuffle the cards. Deal two cards faceup to each player. Spread the rest facedown in a "pond" between you.

The object is to collect letters to make as many words from the list as you can. On your turn, you may either "fish" from the pond (draw a card) or ask an opponent to trade a card. When the pond is empty, the person who made the most words is the winner.

Words on a stick

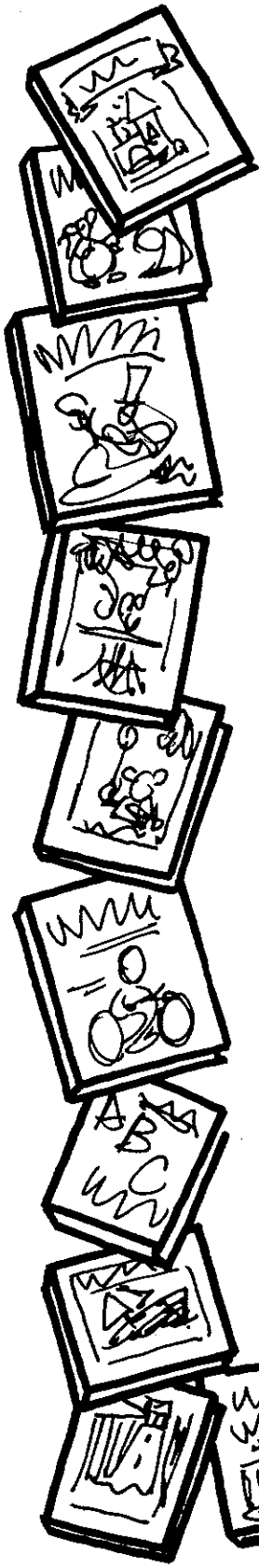
For more word fun, print the 100 sight words on individual craft sticks, and try these activities:

- Have your youngster think of groups to sort the words into (all words that start with *T* or words with an *A* in them, for example). He can read the words aloud and tell you why they belong together.
- Gather old magazines or newspapers. Place the sticks in a bag, and pick five each. Then, find and circle each of your words in a headline or an article—the first one finished wins. Put the sticks back, and play another round.
- Suggest that your child draw three sticks and read the words. Ask her to spell each one with Scrabble tiles or with magnetic letters on the refrigerator.
- Before running errands, tell each person to grab a word stick. See who can locate and read his word the most times while you're out.



continued

Sight words



the	or	will	number
of	one	up	no
and	had	other	way
a	by	about	could
to	words	out	people
in	but	many	my
is	not	then	than
you	what	them	first
that	all	these	water
it	were	so	been
he	we	some	called
was	when	her	who
for	your	would	am
on	can	make	its
are	said	like	now
as	there	him	find
with	use	into	long
his	an	time	down
they	each	has	day
I	which	look	did
at	she	two	get
be	do	more	come
this	how	write	made
have	their	go	may
from	if	see	part

