

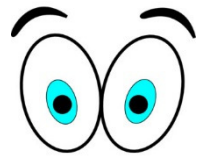


Games and activities to help your child learn to read and spell words.

Some of these activities can also be used to help your child learn letter sounds/shapes and numbers.

For children who learn by **SEEING**.

- Kim's Game – Write each word on a piece of paper or card. Remove a word while child covers eyes. Can they identify which one is missing?
- Word Bingo – Write each word on a piece of paper or card. Call out a word and child covers it or turns it over when they hear it.
- Fishing Game – Write each word on a piece of paper or card and fix a paper clip to each word. Fish for words with magnet on a string. They keep the 'fishes' they can read!
- Stick words around house on doors. Child has to read word before they can go through!
- Cut out letters from magazines/ newspapers to make given words.
- Word detective – how many times can they find a particular word in a book?
- Rainbow words – writing over a word in lots of different colours.
- Write the word as stairs adding one letter at a time.



For children who learn by **HEARING**.

- Mnemonics – make up a silly sentence or draw a picture to help them remember the letter order, e.g. SAID becomes 'Sad Ants In Dustbins'.
- Saying spellings as a rap.
- Saying words strangely or the way they are spelt, e.g. pe-o-ple.
- Rhyming strings - Find other words with same spelling pattern that rhyme, e.g. bell, sell, spell, tell, etc.
- Word tennis – take turns to say the letters of a word.
- Play classical music in the background whilst learning spellings.
- Sound Talk – say words in sounds e.g. 'Simon Says touch your t-oe-s.
- Guess Who - Write some words on paper. Read the words with your child. Ask them to tape a word to your back. You have to ask a question e.g. does it begin with "th"? Can I sound it out? Now your child takes a turn to answers your questions.



For children who learn by **DOING**.

- Writing words in the air with fingers, light sabres, wands, etc.
- How many times can you write the word in a minute?
- Make the word using playdough, sweets, buttons, magnetic letters, scrabble tiles, etc.
- Cut up a word to make a jigsaw puzzle and then reorder it.
- Write the word in sand, shaving foam, rice, jelly.
- On a computer or tablet type out the word in different colours, fonts, sizes, etc.
- Using letter mats or large sheets of paper with letters on, child jumps from letter to letter to spell words. Write letters on balls of play dough, the child squishes the letters to spell a word.
- Hide some words in a sandpit for the child to find and read.

