



# THE POWER OF SIGHT WORDS

Why are sight words so important? Sight words are words that don't typically follow a phonics pattern therefore; they can't be "sounded out". Sight words are words we must know from memory. If your child has a large repertoire of sight word knowledge their overall reading fluency will improve, which will in turn improve overall comprehension. There are many different ways to learn sight words, here are a few ideas! If you'd like a list of appropriate sight words for your child don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

## STAMPED WORDS

Use alphabet stamps to stamp out sight words, then read them.

## FRIDGE FLASH

Tape sight words to the refrigerator, read them every time you are in the kitchen.

## MAGNETIC LETTERS

Use magnetic letters to spell sight words on the refrigerator or any magnetic surface, then read them.

## SNOWBALL FIGHT

Crumple sight word cards into a ball. Have a snowball fight! Pick up snowballs and see how many you can read!

## POPSICLE WORDS

Write sight words on popsicle sticks. Pull sticks out of a can, see how many you can read.

## CHALK WORDS

Write sight words with chalk on the driveway. Have your student hop from word to word, reading them aloud.

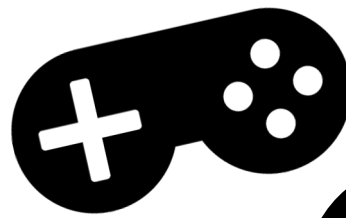
## FINGER PAINT

Pour some finger paint on a plate. Use your finger (or have your child use theirs) to write the sight word and have your child read it.

## WORD SWAT

Put sight word cards on a table, call out a word and have your student swat it with a fly swatter or slap it with their hand.

# 10 WORD GAMES



Word games are a great way to practice many different domains of reading! Here are some word games to play at home!

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## Guess My Word:

Give your child clues to a word you are thinking of. It rhymes with.... It starts with.... It would be used to describe.... A synonym is....

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## Beach Ball Words:

Write words on a beach ball. Toss it to your child. Have them read the word that is under their right hand. Toss it back and forth.

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## Magnetic Letters:

Make words with magnetic letters on the refrigerator or any magnetic surface. Give your child the letters, tell them the word and see if they can make it.

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## Sock Game:

Put word cards down on the floor. Have your child stand in their socks. Call out the word and see how quickly they can step on it!

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## Dot Game:

Laminate word cards. Be sure to review words before playing. Use an Expo marker to draw a dot on the back of one of the cards. Don't let your child see which one. Lay cards out on the floor or a table. Have your child guess which word is hiding the dot!

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## Shaving Cream:

Put shaving cream (or sand/paint) on a plate. Write a word using your finger. Have your child read it.

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## Newspaper Words:

Give your child a word. Have them use a highlighter and find it in the newspaper. Highlight it when they've found it. Count how many times they've found it.

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## Show and Tell:

Give your child a whiteboard and a marker. Call out a word. Have your child write it/draw a picture for it/write a sentence (choose a different task depending on your child's needs) for it and show you on the whiteboard.

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## Tic-Tac-Toe:

Draw a tic-tac-toe board. Write a word in each box. Before each turn the player must read the word.

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## Card Games:

Copy or write two sets of word cards. Play a card game such as Go Fish or Memory.