

Learning Sight Words

1. Play Battleships with sight words on a grid w/ a partner or as a class.
2. Play coin toss - words on floor - children take turns to toss a coin or beanbag onto a word and say that word.
3. Have a box of small blank mini cards or paper such as little post it notes on hand at all times so that children can write down words from word walls, charts etc and then take the card back to their writing.
4. Play who am I? Example: I am yellow, have 5 letters, and end in ____.
5. Make a letter twister chart with chalk on a concrete floor; children place their feet and hands on the letters to spell words.
6. Around the World Sight Words - flash a word - first player to say word out of that pair moves on to the next person to make a pair and another word is flashed.
7. Play Hangman (or swinging monkey) using the word card words.
8. See how quickly can you find a certain sight word in the individual reading books during small group reading.
9. Play dominoes using same end letter/ beginning letter.
10. Circle letters within words using white board marker on laminated sight words.
11. Play Whispers game - say a word - pass it around.
12. Children go outside and practice writing their words with chalk on the concrete or paint with water. Or write on paper on top of plastic canvas.
13. Practice handwriting by tracing over words using white board marker on laminated sight word cards.
15. Place sight word cards in alphabetical order.
16. Flashlight words: turn off lights, flash a light on words on display.
17. Children make their own word wall/dictionary using photocopied small sight words and scrapbooks labeled with a letter of the alphabet on each page... can be added to through year.
18. Play Tic Tac Toe, here I go, where I stop I do not know - children say the word when you stop. Use flyswatter or pointer to choose words. OR play I Spy,
19. Cloze - children find the missing word within a sentence. Maze - omit certain words in sentences but give two/three possible word choices.
20. Play musical words - children pass words around in a circle until music stops - that child says the word - can be played with 1 or more words.
21. Go on a word walk/drive: find words around the environment, look for signs
22. Make words using play dough, salt dough, or clay.
23. Make words using string gluing.

24. Make words using letter tiles, scrabble pieces, magnetic letters.
25. Make words using stencils, alphabet stamps, tactile letters.
26. Make words using pretzel sticks and marshmallows.
27. Make words with shaving cream or pudding on a tabletop.
28. Play stepping-stones - place words on the floor and children walk over them saying the word as they go to get to the other side of the stream.
29. Beat the clock - how many times can a word be written in 1 minute.
30. Children write their words in list form and then write over the words 2 or more times using different colors to create rainbow words.
31. Play Concentration, Memory, Go Fish, or BINGO.
32. Make Rebus phrases or sentences such as: The _____(picture of animal)_____, A____(picture of thing)____. Do orally.
33. Use foam letters to glue onto tagboard for special words- add googlie eyes for fun in words such as "look".
34. Write a story about the child using the sight words to create short and simple sentences: Dictated Experience Account.
35. Use plastic letters to make & break high-frequency words. Distribute appropriate letters to students in the group. Write the high-frequency word on the board and have students use it as a model to make the word with their letters. Have students read the word. Then, erase the word from the board. Have students scramble their plastic letters and try to build the word again.
36. Put sight words together to create sight phrases.
37. Put manipulative letters into Easter eggs for "scrambled" words. Show kids the matching sight word flashcard and have them put the letters in order.
38. Use colorful letter blocks to create the words.
39. Using Graph-It worksheet, write sight word from flashcard and fill in number of letters for each word.
40. Spell words with Alpha-Bits cereal.
41. Circle words in magazines.
42. Time students to see how many times they can write a word or words in 1 minute. Or have worksheet of several/many words & have kids copy each one to see how many they can copy in one minute. Called Beat the Clock.
43. Play I Have, Who Has?
44. Make rhyming words with sight words such as "here" and "deer" orally.
45. Show flashcard long enough for kids to spell word aloud, hide word, kids write words on white boards from memory.