

Practice Ideas for Sight Words

Rainbow Writing: Practice writing words using a different color for each letter. Be sure to have your child say each letter aloud and read the word to you when s/he is finished writing.

Bubble Writing: Write the word in one color and then trace around each letter with markers or crayons of different colors. Again, be sure to have your child say each letter aloud and read the word to you.

Sentence Maker: Place several familiar word cards in front of your child. Have s/he build sentences out of the words. Make it a challenge ..see how many word cards can be used for one sentence.

Word Family Finder: Search for words that belong to the same "word family", meaning they follow the same rule (Ex: hop, stop, top, etc.). Write the words, then trace or highlight over the letters that follow the same rule.

Word-O: Make a "Word-O" card by dividing a paper into 8 or 12 sections. Write one word in each section. Call out the words for your child to either color in or put a marker on. You decide how the game is won...vertical, horizontal, diagonal, whole card, etc.

Pick It Up: Lay several words in front of your child. Call out words for your child to find and pick up. See how fast s/he can do it. A harder version of this game is for your child to call out the words and have you pick them up.

**** Most importantly, practicing words should happen frequently, but try not to let it last too long each time. You want your child to feel successful after each practice --not exhausted.**