

Rainbow Sight Word Home Activities

1. Word Find - Give your child a page from a newspaper or magazine. Challenge your child to find and circle the sight words he or she is learning.
2. House Hunt - Post sight words around the house (on doors, the refrigerator, mirrors, etc) and have your child read them each time he or she passes by them.
3. Messy Spellers - To practice both reading and spelling the words, fill a cookie sheet with sand, shaving cream, or whipped cream. Help your child trace out words with a finger and then read them aloud. Wipe them away and start again with new words.
4. ABC Order - Write the sight words on index cards. Have your child put them in alphabetical order. You may want to provide an alphabet for them to refer to.
5. Play dough - Use play dough 'snakes' to form letters and spell words.
6. Partner Writing - Have your child tell YOU a Rainbow Word. You write it while they watch. Have them copy it.
7. Commercials - Put the Rainbow Words on index cards. When your child is watching their favorite show, have them practice with you during commercials.
8. Sight Word Bean Bag Toss - Spread flash cards out on the floor and toss bean bags (or something similar) onto the cards. Have the kids read the card their bean bag landed on.

9. Trash Can Basketball - Crumple pieces of paper into balls, or use bean bags. Take turns with your child throwing the object at the trash can until someone makes it in. Then the person can read a flash card with a Rainbow Word on it.

10. Word Go Fish - Make a deck of playing cards using unlined note cards. Write a Rainbow Word on the right and left halves of the card, and cut in half. Make about 24 sets. (It may be best to use words from past lists, as well.) Mix the cards and deal each player 8 cards. Play is the same as 'Go Fish'. Player 1 asks player 2 for a word that they hold in their hand. Player 2 must give the card if it is in his hand, or player 1 must draw from the pile. When a match is made, the player puts it face up in front of him. Play continues until all cards are matched, and the winner is the player with the most matches.

11. Rainbow Word Search - When reading stories at night before bed, have your child try to read a simple book to you OR search for new and old rainbow words that he/she recognizes in the book!

12. Word Wall - Using a blank wall or a piece of poster board, create your own "word wall". Write the letters of the alphabet and under the appropriate letter, write our Rainbow Words. Have your child practice reading the words each night before bed. (ie: A - as, B - but, C - can)

13. Flash Writing - In a darkened room, use a flashlight to draw letters in the air or on the wall.

14. GO (your child's name) GO!!! - Pretend you are a cheerleader and cheer the words and/or the letters in each word (ie: Give me a S, give me a H, give me an E! What does it spell? SHE!!!)
15. Random Words - If your child is able to read the sight words easily, have them find the letters in a magazine or newspaper and cut them out to spell the words. Glue them on to a piece of paper to practice with later.
16. Pipe Cleaners - Pipe cleaners are usually used for crafts, but in this case can be bent to form the letters in the Rainbow Words! They are available at many stores in the craft section and can even be found at the Dollar Tree or sometimes in the dollar section at Target!
17. Word Cheer! - Do a cheer with your child! Choose a word from the list (let's do „now“) and say "Give me an N!" Your child responds with "N!" You say "Give me an O!" Your child says "O!" You say "Give me a W!" "W!" "What does it spell!?" "NOW!" As your child gets better at these words, he/she can take on the roll of spelling the words out, and you can be the responder.
18. Choo-Choo Words - Write the word list end-to-end, using a different color crayon or marker for each „car“ in the „Word Train.“
19. Flip It Down - Divide a regular sheet of paper into two columns and 12 rows. Number each row on the left hand side. In the left hand column, print a word in each row. Make a copy for each player. Cut the left hand column on the rows so that each word is on a strip of paper that can be folded over to the right. Players take turns rolling 2 dice. If they can read the word that

corresponds to the number they rolled, they "flip down" the word by folding it over. First one to flip down all of the words is the winner!

20. POP! - Make a card with each word on it and make some cards that say "pop". Spread all cards face down on the table. Players take turns choosing words. If the student can read the word, he or she may keep it and continue drawing until he or she doesn't know a word or gets a POP card. Players also keep POP cards. At the end of the game, the player with the most cards is the winner!