

Family support boosts learning, and Lexia is here to help. Try these fun games and activities to reinforce and build your growing reader's literacy skills from home.



Act It Out

Support early reading skills by making word cards together and playing charades. Work with your growing reader to sound out – or decode – simple words, like *dig*, *sad*, *wet*, *hop*, and *gum*. These words start and end with a consonant and have a single vowel in the middle.

Then, take turns acting out the words. Encourage players to guess each word *and* write it!



Listening Lab

Porcupine. Basketball. Astronaut. What do these words have in common? They all have three “beats” – called syllables – when they’re said aloud. Understanding syllables in words is important for learning to read.

To build syllable knowledge, grab a game board, and try this fun activity. Take turns saying a word from a given category, such as animals or sports. Players can count the syllables in each word and move a token that number of spaces on the game board.

Next time, use words from one of these categories:

months of the year

places in the world

fruits & vegetables

kitchen objects

book characters

musical instruments



Word Play

Paper chains for word learning? Yes! A word chain is a set of words that change by one sound at a time. Word necklaces go one step further. They start and end with the same word. Here's an example:

bat → bet → bit → big → pig → pin → pit → pat → bat

Have your growing reader write word chains on interlocking loops of paper to create a necklace of words. Here are some other word chains to keep the fun going:

cat → rat → rag → bag → big → dig → dog → log → lot → cot → cat

top → tip → rip → rim → ram → yam → ham → hat → hit → hot → hop → top



Get Moving

Exercise for mind and body! Write letters on the ground with chalk or masking tape. Have your growing reader jump to each letter and sound as you say it. Bonus points for naming a word that begins with that sound!

You can also try this activity with simple sight words, such as *the, one, here, said,* and *two*. For this version, have kids jump to each word and earn bonus points for using the sight word in a sentence.

If this activity is a hit, try it with these sight words next time:

they	four	where
are	all	three
she	there	who
you	has	said
my	what	down



Beat the Clock

Work with your growing reader to match upper- and lowercase letters. Create pairs of word cards, one card for each uppercase letter and another card for the matching lowercase letter. Shuffle the cards, and lay a set of them face up on a table.

Then, it's time to beat the clock! Have kids make as many upper- and lowercase letter matches as they can in a minute.



Photo Booth

Reinforce sounds and letters with this photo-taking activity. Have your growing reader write their name and say the name of each letter along with the sound it makes. Then, have them take photos of things that begin with those sounds.

You can try this activity with the names of friends and family members, too. Kids can challenge you to use their photos to figure out each name!



Scavenger Hunt

Shiny. Smooth. Dry. Encourage your growing reader to use describing words like these – called adjectives – to help them focus on details and develop a rich vocabulary. Here's a fun activity to get started.

Talk about the meaning of each adjective, have your reader use it in a sentence, and brainstorm related words together. Then, send them on a scavenger hunt for items that fit each description!

Next time you read together, point out these and other describing words. Write them down, use them daily, and try more scavenger hunts!

long	tall	huge
round	tiny	fun
soft	cold	heavy
bouncy	flat	furry
square	sticky	hard