

## Sight Word Practice Ideas

Daily practice with sight words is VERY important. These words are high-frequency words (because they show up frequently in reading and writing) and should be learned by sight because they cannot be easily sounded out. Practicing sight words doesn't have to be boring and repetitive. Use this list of ideas if you are struggling to find creative ways to help your child learn their sight words.

1. **Flash Card** Style
2. Play **Tic-Tac-Toe**. Use a sight word for the X and a different sight word for the O
3. Go on a **Scavenger Hunt** or play **Sight Word Hide and Seek**. Hide the words on post it notes around your house/yard and have your child find them.
4. Write the words **in shaving cream** on your kitchen counter or the wall of your bathtub
5. **Build towers** with the words, by writing the words on Dixie cups or other plastic cups and building with them.
6. **Make a word wall** on your child's closet so they can interact with all of the words.  
(To see examples of word walls, search for images online.)
7. Practice **reading words in text** (the small Readers Writers Workshop books that I sent home are a good way to do this).
8. Write the words on sticky notes and have your child **swat the words with a fly swatter** as he/she reads them.



9. Play "Where's the Bear" with Dixie cups. Have your child close their eyes and then hide a word under a Dixie cup in a group of cups with a sight word written on them. Have your child guess which word has the "bear".
10. Make a sight word parking lot with masking tape on a piece of poster board. Add sight words to the parking spots. Have your child practice driving a toy car and parking in a certain spot.

11. Play Oh No! Write words on popsicle sticks and add a few sticks that say Oh No! Add all the sticks to a coffee can and pick one stick at a time. If your child can read the word they keep it, if not it goes back in the can.



- When they get the Oh No stick, all of their sticks go back in the can. Play this with a group and pass the can as you go.
12. Play Bubble Wrap Sight Words. Put a piece of bubble wrap on the floor with sight words on top of it. As your child reads a word they can stomp the bubble wrap.
  13. Play Sight Word Twister. Use the Twister Game and add sight words to the various circles. Play the game as usual and read the sight words as you play. Be careful not to slip on the sight words!
  14. Make the sight words with playdough.
  15. Make the sight words with magnetic letters.
  16. Put sight words on paper airplanes and practice flying them and reading the words.

17. Add sight words to a **hopscotch** game.
18. Shoot the sight words with **Nerf Darts**.
19. Write the **sight words on a window** or bathroom mirror with white board markers.
20. Write the sight words on the **sidewalk with chalk** and have your child jump to the correct word when you call it out.
21. Make **sight word puzzles** by writing the word on a piece of paper, cutting it up into a few pieces and having your child put it back together.
22. Write your words on a **beach ball** and play catch. Your child reads the words they're touching when they catch the ball.
23. Play with sight word **bean bags or water balloons**. Write sight words on bean bags and practice reading them as you toss them back and forth.
24. Make two sets of sight word cards and play **Memory** by placing them upside down on a table and having your child turn them over and one at a time and find pairs.
25. Cut up a **pool noodle** and write letters on each segment. Have your child make a sight word using the letters on the pool noodle.
26. Play **sight word musical chairs**. Position chairs in a circle with enough chairs for everyone who is playing the game. Put a sight word on each chair. Play the music and have everyone find a chair as soon as the music stops. If each person can read the word, they stay in the game.



27. Write your sight words in **coffee grounds, sugar or salt** added to a plate or tray. Have your child use their finger to write the word.



28. Build your sight words with **dry pasta**.

29. **Roll a Sight Word**. Make a list of six sight words. Have your child roll the dice and read the corresponding word.

30. Use a spray bottle and **write the words on a sidewalk in water**. Work quickly so you finish before the first letter dries!

31. Go on a scavenger hunt and find sight words in a **book, magazine or cereal box**.

32. **Design your own game!** It's easy to adapt most any game to include sight word practice!



Have fun and be creative!