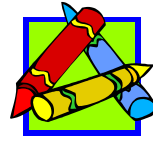




Picture and Word Cards



These activities are to be used with the picture/word cards that are in the packet.

Quick Pick: Choose a Picture/Word Card and ask your child to identify it. Then ask him/her to generate words that rhyme with the picture/word on the card you picked. You could also ask him/her to generate words with the same initial (beginning) sound or final (ending) sound as the picture/work selected.

Sound Sort: Choose several cards that begin with the same sound (e.g., *bear, boot, belt, bell*). Choose several cards that begin with the second sound (e.g., *dress duck, door, drum*). Spread out all of the cards, picture-side-up. Ask your child to sort the cards into two groups based on the first sound in the words. Ask him/her what letter makes each sound. Have your child flip over the cards to see if he/she is right.

Go Fish: Sort through the deck to collect pairs of cards that have picture/words starting with the same first letter (e.g., *cow-cat, fish-fan, hen-hand*, etc.). (For this activity, leave out the two-letter sounds *-sh, th, ch, ph*.) Shuffle the pairs and deal each player 7 Picture/Word Cards. Put the remaining cards in a pile. (Players should hold their cards under the table so other players cannot see the backs of their cards.) The object of the game is to collect as many card pairs as possible. Players take turns asking each other for cards that begin with the same letter. For example, one player asks, "Do you have a word that begins with *h*?" If the other player has such a card, he/she must give it to the player who asked. If not, the player who asked must "Go Fish," drawing a card from the pile. The player who collects the most card pairs wins the game.

Concentrate: Place 9 picture cards on the table or floor with the word side up. Say the names of 3 of the cards. Have your child say the words, find the corresponding words and place them in the order in which you said them. Repeat the exercise several times.

Find the Picture: This game is for children who are learning English or young children. Place 9 cards on the table or floor picture side up. Say the name of the picture and have the child find the correct picture that goes with the word you said. As the child progresses, add more cards for the child to pick from.

Helpful Hints

Touch the word as you or your child reads.

Use the flash cards to practice sight words.

Give your child a newspaper or a magazine and have them circle all the words that start with the letter, for example, 'a'.

While driving in the car, have your child find words that start with the letter 'B'.