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- Building sight vocabulary is increasing the number of words that a reader can recognize effortlessly and without thought.
- Words that can be recognized effortlessly and without thought are words that the reader can recognize automatically.

Concentration

Place pairs of word cards face down on the table. The object of the game is to remember where the like cards are, and to pick up matching pairs. Each player turns over two cards in each turn and reads the words aloud. If they match, he may keep them. The player with the most matches wins.

Pick A Card

Print sight vocabulary words or phrases on small cards. Write a numerical value from one to three in the corner of each card, and place the cards face down on the table. Players (two or more) take turns choosing a card and reading it. If a player can read the card correctly, he keeps it. If not, he replaces it face down on the table and the next player takes his turn. The winner is the player who has the highest score when all the cards have been picked up.

Buzz

Print sight vocabulary words on small cards. Cut out the "Buzz" word cards. Each player takes a turn reading a card. When he gets a "Buzz" card, he must give all the cards to the other player. The player with the most cards is the winner.

Drill Sandwich

The drill sandwich is a way to present unknown words to your child in order to help him/her learn them more quickly. First you will need to put the words on flashcards. To begin, you will need 7 words he/she knows and 3 words he/she does not know.

Organize your flashcards in the following way:

3 Knowns
1 Unknown
2 Knowns
1 Unknown
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Now show your child one card at a time. He/she will be able to say "known" words. When you come to an "unknown" word, tell him/her the word. Have your child say the new word with you two times and continue this to the end of the 10 words.

Continue to practice these 10 words. When the unknown words are known by your child, use them as "knowns" and put together a new drill sandwich with new "unknown" words.

Make a pile of cards labeled "Knowns" and "Unknowns". Watch the "Known" pile grow!