

Phonics

Use these activities to reinforce and practice phonics skills with your child.

Label Your Home	K-2	Decoding Words, Letter Combinations	Use masking tape and a permanent marker to label names of objects in your home, such as <i>bed</i> , <i>doll</i> , <i>table</i> , and <i>chair</i> . This helps your child recognize letters and the names of everyday objects.
Grocery List	K-2	Decoding Words, Writing Words	Give your child a sheet of paper and dictate the items you need to buy. If your child requests the correct spelling, write the words for your child to copy, or spell the words as he or she writes them. You can also allow your child to use inventive spelling for items on the list and locate the correct spelling at the grocery store.
Letters to Friends	K-2	Decoding Words, Writing Words	Encourage your child to write notes and letters to relatives and friends. Ask the people who receive the notes to respond with notes and letters of their own.
Magnetic Words	K-2	Decoding Words, Writing Words	Help your child practice reading and writing letters and words. Help your child form words using magnetic letters.
Words in the World	K-2	Individual Letter Sounds	Point out the letter/sound relationships your child is learning on food labels, boxes, newspapers, magazines, and signs. For instance, ask your child, "What sound does this letter make?" Practice writing and reading letters and words.