

Family Practice: Create Routines



The Benefits of playing games on Reading Skills



Playing games helps motivation

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Playing board games or other games at home with children increases their motivation to complete tasks. This is important in the beginning stages of oral and reading development.

Repetition leads to learning

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Games requiring repetition of words, sounds, phrases, and pictures benefits the child. Sight words, letter recognition, colors, shapes, and other core instruction can be made fun and learned quickly when repetition is used.

Builds vocabulary

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Playing any kind of games with your children increases the number and type of words they hear. This increase helps their vocabulary skills which are essential in reading.



Builds background knowledge

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A key part of reading comprehension is that students have an extensive background knowledge. Family game nights ripen this knowledge, increasing the comprehension skills of the child.



Games do not have to require reading

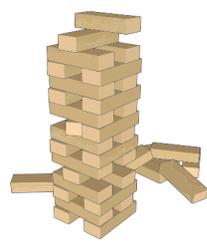
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Even if you choose a family board game that does not require reading, the early oral skills your child needs will still be fostered! Any game where you are interacting, talking, and working together will work.

Attention and working memory

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Games help children focus their attention and exercise working memory - two essential skills in the development of oral language and reading skills.

Ideas for Games for Family Game Night

Spot It

I Spy - Go Fish

Memory

Candy Land/Chutes and Ladders

Simon Says

Connect 4

Hide and Seek

Battleship

The Sneaky, Snacky Squirrel Game

Operation

Checkers/Chess

Apples to Apples Jr.