

EARLY ERACY

GAMES

Level Up To Kindergarten

Try these short, easy-to-play games to practice early literacy skills!



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Being able to recognize letters and their sounds is a critical first step in reading.

LETTER RECOGNITION

Find a sign, box, book, or other object that has a certain letter on it and say "I Spy the letter __". Let your child search until they find it. Then give your child a turn to find a letter and you search,



LETTER SOUNDS

Find an object that starts with a given letter sound and say "I Spy something that starts with the letter __". You might want to demo the sound that the letter makes when your child is just stating to identify letter sounds. Let your child search until they find it. Then give your child a turn. You might need to help them identify the letters that go with sounds.







Kids need to understand that words can be broken down into separate parts.

CLAP IT OUT

Pick out an object. You could use toys or anything else you have lying around the house.

Say "Can you say it?" Say the name slowly with your child.

Then say "Can you clap it?" Clap out the number of syllables in the word.

Example: Pick a stuffed caterpillar. "Can you say it?" "Cat-er-pill-ar"

"Can you clap it?" "Cat (clap)-er (clap)-pill (clap)-ar (clap)."







Rhyming helps kids recognize patterns in words.

SOUND ALIKES?



Ask you child to listen as you say several words that rhyme or don't rhyme. As you say each word, ask you child "Does that word rhyme (sound like) the last one?" Eventually, you may not need to say "sound like".

Example: "Bed"

"Led-Does that word rhyme with (sound like) the last one?"

"Fed-Does that word rhyme with (sound like) the last one?'

"Cat-Does that word rhyme with (sound like) the last one?" You can also write the words out so you

child can see how the letters are alike. **>>>>**









Read

Read or share

books or other

printed materials with your child ďailv.



Talk Use different words, tell stories, give directions to

help build your

child's vocabulary.



Ask

When your child

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answers questions, they build vocabulary and curiosity.



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