

## Ideas for word games

We teach children to recognise words quickly as they see them to help free up their brain for the trickier bits of reading. In theory, the more times they see a word, the more likely they are to remember it – for ever!

2 or 3 times a week for 5 minutes should help the children to start saying these words as they see them. If your child just isn't remembering them, don't worry, they may just not be ready. We will be doing lots in school with them too, so you may choose to leave it for a while if it is frustrating for them.

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Mum

I

look

to

### The ladder game

Choose 5 word cards and place like this.

Point to top card and do my turn, your turn for each card to the bottom - eg you say it, they copy. Then go back up the ladder doing the same.

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Fast finger game

(Use the same 5 cards and place like this)

Tell children to choose a quick finger and get it ready to point. Say a word and child has to find it and point to it as quickly as they can.

Do each word a few times in random order

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## How many can you win?

Play this game after the other 2

Place cards down one at a time for child to read, if they remember it, they keep it, if they don't you keep it. Winner has most word cards. Play a few times with the aim to win them all as they start to learn them

If child is finding hard – set a challenge to win 2 to start with then increase it.

Play this a few times if they are only getting a couple – can you beat your score?

Once you feel the child knows a word, eg they say it the next day the first time you show them, replace it with a new one from the wallet. We will check which ones they know when we read with them and replace known with new from the next set.