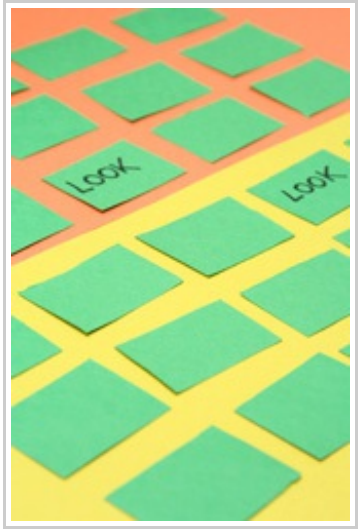
Sight Words Memory Game



Does your child love to play guessing games? Does she need help reading common words? Kill two birds with one stone, by making a family board game that's so fun, she won't even realize she's learning!

What You Need:

- word list (provided below) marker 80 index cards (or construction paper cut into cards)

What You Do:

Step 1:

Write 2 copies of each word from the following list on index cards, using the marker:

a	and	away	big	blue	can	come	down
find	for	funny	go	help	here	I	in
is	it	jump	little	look	make	me	my
not	one	play	red	run	said	see	the
three	to	two	up	we	where	yellow	you

Step 2:

Have your child lay the index cards on a table in rows, in a face down position. You should have a total of 80 cards. Once all the cards are laid out, it's time to play! This game is played like Concentration, or Memory Match, only instead of matching Jacks or Queens, your child will be matching common words. (Which will help her read more smoothly!)

Step 3:

When it's their turn, each player turns over a card, and reads the word aloud. Then they flip over a second card and read *that* one aloud. If the two words are the same, they've found a match! They can set aside their pair and go again. However, if the two cards are *not* a match, the player turns them face down again, and the next player gets a turn. Repeat this process until all of the cards have been matched.

This memory game is a fantastic way for emerging readers to practice high frequency, or "sight" words. As their reading improves, feel free to add more challenging words to the deck. Until then, game on!

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