

Sight Word Jenga

Though they're used frequently in print, sight words can be confusing for new readers because they don't often sound the way that they appear. But recognizing sight words is an important part of learning to read successfully.

Looking for a fun way to expose your first-grader to more sight words? Here's an activity that puts a new twist on a classic game to help your child's reading skills by creating wooden word blocks and playing Sight Word Jenga!

What You Need:

- Blank wooden rectangular blocks, available at toy stores or teacher supply stores
- Permanent marker
- Lists of sight words and vocabulary (Use our [kindergarten sight word list](#) or our [first grade sight word list](#))

What You Do:

1. Use the permanent marker to write one word on each of the blank blocks. Sight words (like "the", "always", "anything", and "every") are great to use. You can use the sight word list above, or use words and vocabulary from your child's spelling lists or favorite books.
2. Stack the blocks up into a tower.
3. Players will take turns. On each turn, a player will pull out one wooden block from the tower. If the tower does not fall, the player must then use the word written on the block in a sentence.
4. The objective of the game is to pull out as many word blocks as possible without knocking the tower over. The first person to make the tower fall loses that game.

