

ACTIVITY ONE: BEAN BAG TOSS

Lay out 10 - 15 of the sight word cards face up on the floor. You can choose these words randomly or you can divide them up by the lists on the opposite side of this page. You might want to start out with List 1 to see how well your child knows that set of words and then move on to List 2, then List 3 and finally List 4. Do what you and your child feel comfortable with.

Have your child gently toss the bean bag onto one of the word cards. Have your child then pick up the card and read the word to you. After reading the word, replace the card back onto the floor. Be sure to help your child correctly pronounce any words s/he doesn't know.

Continue this process for a few minutes and then scramble or switch words completely.

Variations to try:

- ★ If the word is read correctly, put it on a "correct" pile. If read incorrectly, then leave it on the floor to try again later. You can replace "correct" words with new words every time or switch all the words up at one time.
- ★ Move the distance your child is throwing from. Maybe take a small step back or a step closer after a certain number of throws.
- ★ If your child has mastered the words and wants a challenge, have them pick up the word the bag landed on and hand it to you. Say the word to them and now they have to spell it out loud or write it on a white board or piece of paper.

More than one player:

- ★ Use a bag of M&Ms or Skittles if an extra bean bag is needed. Using all (or a group) of the cards, see who can read and collect the most words that the candy lands on. Enjoy the candy at the end of the game.
- ★ Do a version of a spelling bee. As a player's bean bag lands on a word, pick up the card and have them spell it. If the player spells the word incorrectly, let the other player(s) have a chance. Have players collect the words they spell correctly.

There is no one way to play this game. Have your child come up with the different variations in how to play. This keeps them invested in the process and willing to participate.

Don't go too long as they will get bored and won't want to play again another day. After 10-20 minutes put the cards and bean bag back into the baggie. This will hopefully have them wanting to play again the following day. Use different word groups on different days and mix words they know well with words they might be struggling with. Use your judgement as you know best how this will work for your family.

Make it fun and leave them wanting more!