Sight Word Games and Activities

Tic-Tac-Toe

Draw a tic-tac-toe diagram. Write one of your child's sight words in each space. Ask your child to point to a sight word and say the word aloud. If your child is correct, he/she can write an X in the space. If he/she is unable to read the word, play moves on to the next player.

Bingo

Create bingo cards using your child's sight words. If you want to save some time, bingo card generators are available online. Once your bingo cards are made, use your flashcards to draw words at random.

Go Fish!

This game requires two sets of your child's sight words. You may find it useful to print the words on index cards. This game is played the same way that you would play using a regular deck of cards.

Memory

This game also requires two sets of your child's sight words. Place the all sight word cards face down, scattered around the playing area. Taking turns, each player turns two cards. If the cards match, and the player can read the word, the player may keep both cards. If they don't match, or if the player cannot read the words, the cards must be flipped back over and play moves on to the next player. The player with the most pairs at the end of the game wins!

Password

Keep a set of sight words by the door. Every time you leave the house, your child must read a 'password' or two before he/she can go out the door.

Word Search

Give your child a highlighter and have him/her search for sight words in the newspaper and/or magazines. You can also create word searches online, if you prefer. Just remember to make sure that your child can read the word that he/she is searching for.

Fill in the Blank

Write out a simple sentence, leaving out one of your child's sight words. Have your child choose the correct word from his/her flashcards to complete the sentence.

You may also do this activity orally. In this case, you don't even have to leave a word out when saying the sentence.

Be a Mind Reader

Tell your child that you are thinking of a word. Gradually give clues about the word that you are thinking of (ex: This word rhymes with... This word means... This word starts with the sound... etc...). Continue to give clues until your child can correctly identify the word that you are thinking of.