

Children Love Games!



Young children love to play games with their parents. Playing games is a great way to practice early reading skills, learn about taking turns and have fun together. Choose simple games that focus on the sounds of language, the alphabet and new vocabulary.

Animal Letter Match: Cut out animals from magazines. Make a set of letters to match the animals, such as 'L' for lion. Share the letters with your child and take turns matching a letter to a picture. To add vocabulary development to the game, find some pictures of animals with names your child doesn't know.

Name Letter Concentration: Use a marker and blank pieces of heavy paper to make two letter cards for each letter of your child's name. Turn the cards over on the floor and take turns trying to match the cards.

Websites

Reading Rockets

www.readingrockets.org/article/six-games-reading

PBS Parents

www.pbs.org/parents/lions/activities/anywhere_games.html

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