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Sight word practice to build strong readers.

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## Dear Educator,

Teachers know and experts agree that the only way for children to master sight words-those high frequency, often non-decodable words essential to reading fluency-is through practice. With 100 Words Kids Need to Read, we are pleased to offer a tool to help provide that practice in an engaging, effective format.

We created the three books in this series-for first, second, and third graders-with the guidance of literacy experts and classroom teachers. Broken down into manageable groups, words are introduced in context and reinforced through inviting puzzles and games. Each sequence of activities is carefully designed to touch on reading, writing, and usage, taking children beyond mere visual recognition of sight words to genuine mastery.

The journey through these skill-building pages will help young readers make the successful transition from learning to read to reading to learn. Along the way, they will also receive excellent preparation for standardized tests. Enjoy the trip!


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## My 100 Words to Read

## Group 1

answer know told
believe should would could tell write enough these wrote knew those

## Group 3

| above | does | going |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| around | done | grew |
| because | far | grow |
| behind | flew | through |
| below | fly | very |

## Group 4

| always | light | once |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| it's | may | right |
| its | month | start |
| just | must | wrong |
| left | never | year |

## Group 5

| away | only |
| :--- | :--- |
| call | pull |
| find | put |
| found | round |
| full | shall |
| kind | too |
| much | upon |

## Group 2

bought
drew bring brought buy draw laugh
talk think thought walk

## Which Word?

## Directions:

Read the story.
Then answer each question with a blue word from the story. We did the first one for you.

"I told you I don't like to hear gossip."

2
"Even if you write it, it's still gossip."
"I knew that. Maybe I should just keep it to myself."

1 Which blue word is a homophone (a word that sounds the same, but has a different meaning) of the word new?
knew
(2) Which blue word is a homophone of the word right? $\qquad$
3 Which blue word is the present tense of the verb told? $\qquad$
4 Which blue word is the past tense of the verb write? $\qquad$
5. Which blue word comes between apple and car in the dictionary?

6 Which two blue words rhyme?

## Jack's Shoes

Jack $\qquad$ like new sneakers.

Directions:
Use the words in the
Word Box to complete the story. Then follow the directions to solve the riddle below.
ones he wants.
Every time Jack goes up the hill with Jill, he falls

down and breaks his crown. He $\qquad$ the problem is his shoes. Jack told me if he had a good pair, he ____-_ get to the top without falling.

Are new shoes $\qquad$ to help Jack? I don't
$\qquad$ the $\frac{7}{9}-\frac{}{10}--$ . But it could be that Jack is just clumsy!

## Word Box

know would These believes

Those enough answer could Now try this! To solve the riddle, look for the numbers below some of your answers in the story. Then fill in the matching letters below.

## What wears shoes but has no feet?

$$
=\frac{-}{3} \overline{4} \overline{5} \overline{1}_{1}^{7} \overline{10}_{10}^{9} \overline{6}_{8} \overline{8}^{4}
$$

## Directions:

 Molly the Mutt has something to tell your teacher, but she can't spell very well. Can you help? Find and circle eight misspelled words in the letter. Then write them correctly on the lines. We did the first one for you.
## 1. should

2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$
4. $\qquad$
5. $\qquad$
6. $\qquad$
7. $\qquad$
8. $\qquad$

## Find the Word

(1) Have you thought about what you'd like for your birthday?

2 Hannah likes to $\qquad$ home from school.
(3) Last Friday, I $\qquad$ a new notebook.
(4) Today I will $\qquad$ the notebook to school with me.
(5) Ruthie and Carlos like to $\qquad$ pictures of aliens.
(6) May I $\qquad$ your hand if I get scared during the movie?
(7) Sometimes we $\qquad$ too loudly in the library.
(8) Tanya used colored pencils when she $\qquad$ that picture.

| B | T | B | R | I | N | G | T |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D | H | E | W | E | Q | H | S |
| R | 0 | J | 0 | A | G | X | K |
| A | $\mathbf{U}$ | 0 | Q | U | R | L | B |
| W | G | H | 0 | E | A | D | P |
| D | H | B | 0 | W | M | R | F |
| P | T | V | K | L | L | E | M |
| T | A | L | K | S | D | W | F |

## Word Box

bought drew bring draw thought walk hold talk

## Match It!

## Directions:

A synonym is a word that has the same meaning as another word. Read the story. Then find the synonym for each blue word in the Word Box. We did the first one for you.

## Word Box

think laugh talk brought held buy hurt

Justin took his pet pig, Hoggy, to school. He cradled Moggy in his lap during class. Every time Ms. Lawrence started to speak, Hoggy started to oink! Ms. Lawrence didn't suppose it was such a good idea to have a pig at school. So Denise asked if she could purchase a rooster for the classroom instead. We all started to giggle. Ms. Lawrence laughed so hard her stomach ached!


# A-maze-ing Verbs 

Directions:
To complete the maze,
pass only through the correct
sentences. An incorrect sentence
is like a wall in the maze: You cannot pass through it. The
correct path takes you
through nine boxes.

## Pedal Puzzle

## Directions:

## Use the words in the

## Word Box to complete the

 sentences below. Then write the words in the correct spaces in the puzzle. We did the first one for you.
## Word Box

above behind because below far very around through

## Down

(1) The distance from my house to my friend's isn't $\qquad$ .
(2) As I pedal, I can see the ground move $\qquad$ my feet.
4) Our neighborhood is a $\qquad$ interesting place to explore.
5. I ride in front and my friend rides
$\qquad$ me.
(7) We like to ride our bikes $\qquad$ in bigger and bigger circles.

pass only through the correct sentences. An incorrect
sentence is tike a wall in the maze. The right path goes

## Herman the Class Dragon

## Directions:

Use the words from the Word Box to complete the story below.

> Word Box around flew behind grew because going done through does above

Our teacher returned from vacation with a very small dragon. We named him Herman $\qquad$ when we said "Herman" he flared his nostrils and looked like he was $\qquad$ to smile. We kept him in a big tank. That way, we could look $\qquad$ the glass and watch him sleep or reach his head $\qquad$ his body to lick his wings clean.

As Herman got bigger, his wings also $\qquad$ . One of our class jobs was lifting Herman high $\qquad$ our heads so that he could practice flapping his wings. We would have one kid supporting his front and another $\qquad$ him. Afterward, we would pet Herman's scales and tell him he had $\qquad$ a good job. Practicing seemed to tire him out.

That is until last Monday, when Herman $\qquad$ up and perched on top of the highest bookshelf. He gave us a toothy smile the way he sometimes $\qquad$ and flapped his wings proudly.

## Which Word?

Directions:
Read the story.
Then answer each
question with a blue word from the story. We did the first one for you. that is blue with green stripes on its side. It's perfect. She asks, "May I try this on?"

A man checks the size of her right foot and then her left. Then he brings her the shoes. But when she puts them on, her feet hurt. "These don't fit," she says. That's when she sees that they are on the wrong feet!

(1) Which blue word is a contraction of it is? it's

2 Which blue word means the same as beginning? $\qquad$
3 Which blue word means the opposite of never? $\qquad$
4. Which blue word is a homophone for it's and means "belonging to it"?

5 Which blue word has the same spelling as a month of the year and means "to allow"? $\qquad$
6 Which blue word has one syllable and means " 12 months"? $\qquad$
7 Which blue word means the opposite of both left and wrong? $\qquad$

## My Blue Monster

## Directions:

Use the words in the Word Box to complete the story. Then solve the riddle at the bottom of the page. We did the first one for you.


## Word Box

always light must Once just month never

I have a blue monster in my closet. About $\underline{O} \underline{\cap} \frac{C}{1} \underline{e}$ a I move all the coats and shoes and go in for a visit.

He's $\qquad$ a little cranky at first. "It's bad enough," he growls, "that you almost $\qquad$ come to see me, but when you do, $\qquad$ you let in all that $\qquad$ ?" But then we play cards or a game of Clue and he cheers right up.

Then I say goodbye for another month or so. He $\qquad$ growls and says, "Make sure you leave it good and dark when you go." But I know he'll miss me.

Now try this! Look for the numbers beneath some of the letters in your answers above. Then fill in the matching letters to solve the riddle below.

What do you do with a blue monster?

$$
\overline{1} \overline{2}-\frac{1}{3} \frac{-}{4} \overline{6} \overline{5}^{-} \overline{7}^{p!}
$$

## Mystery Letter

Directions:

1 $\qquad$ elow
$\qquad$ ecause
$\qquad$ ehind

The mystery letter is $\qquad$
5
i $\qquad$ s
jus $\qquad$
mus $\qquad$
The mystery letter is $\qquad$

## Letter Box

t
e
h
$r$
b
(6) lig $\qquad$ t
rig $\qquad$ t
mont $\qquad$
The mystery letter is $\qquad$

## Now try this!

To answer the riddle below, fill in the six mystery letters in the order they appear above.

## What can you hold without using your hands?

$$
\text { Your }-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{-}{3}-\frac{1}{5}-
$$

## Directions:

## Find the Word

## Complete the sentences

 below with words from the Word Box. Then find each word in the puzzle. Words may go across, down, or diagonally. We did the first one for you.(1) I chose a pumpkin that had no bumps and was perfectly $\qquad$ .
(2) Sarah had a question about her homework, so she picked up the phone to $\qquad$ Tanisha.
(3) After Juan ate the hot fudge sundae, his stomach felt very $\qquad$ .
(4) When my mom went $\qquad$ on a trip, she sent me postcards.
(5) Miko's cat likes to sit $\qquad$ her lap while Miko reads.
(6) Sam had to $\qquad$ on his dog's leash to keep him away from the hornet's nest.

| A | R | H | L | U | I |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| D | W | L | U | P | P |
| I | A | A | D | O | U |
| C | E | F | Y | N | L |
| R | O | U | N | D | L |
| P | U | F | U | L | L |

## Word Box

away pull call<br>round full<br>upon

## Lost and Found



Directions:
Read the story.
Then fill in the bubble
next to the best answer to
each question below.

One day Alisha's little brother found three dollars. "Look!" he said. "Now I can buy a pony!"
"I think a pony will cost too much," Alisha said. "Shall I help you find something to spend it on?"
"Okay," he said. He put the money in his pocket.
"Ice cream might be a good thing to spend it on," said Alisha. "What kind do you want?"
"I only like one kind. Chocolate," said her brother.
"I think chocolate is the best kind, too," said Alisha.

1) When Alisha says a pony will cost too much, she means:

a. Three dollars is more than enough money to buy a pony.b. A pony costs a lot more than three dollars.c. If her brother had found five dollars, he could buy a pony.

When Alisha says,"I think chocolate is the best kind, too," the word too means
a. also.
b. two.
c. not at all.
(3) The opposite of found is
a. kept.
b. forgot.
c. lost.
(4) Which word means the same as kind in this story?
a. nice
b. child
c. type

5 In the dictionary, the word only appears
a. between lonely and quiet.
b. after the word totally.
c. before the word night.

Directions:

## Put each word from

 the Word Box in the circle where it belongs. We did the first one for you.
## Action Words

## found

## Sort It Out!

## Word Box

| Wopd BOX |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| found | find | behind |
| away | upon | pull |
| call | put | above |
| below | around |  |

## Puzzle It Out!

## Across

(1) My name was the first
$\qquad$ that I learned to spell.
(3) Sam washed the dishes so they were sparkling $\qquad$ .
(4) The weather today is $\qquad$ but not hot.
5 At the end of second grade, our teacher said we were $\qquad$ for third.

## Down

(2) Will you share my popcorn, or do you want your $\qquad$ ?
(3) She has to $\qquad$ the baby because he's too little to walk.

6 We had burgers for dinner last night, and we're having them
$\qquad$ tonight.

## Loony Lunch Time

## Directions:

Don't read this story yet! First, find a partner. One of you will read aloud the words under the lines at left and write down what the other says. Then put those words in the story and read it out loud.
(1)
famous person
2
adjective
3
verb ending in -ing
4
adjective
5
noun
(6)
noun (plural)
7
animal
8
two-digit number
9
adjective


Lunch time at $\qquad$ Elementary sure can get $\qquad$ . When the bell rings in the middle of ${ }^{2}$ the day, kids start $\qquad$
toward the cafeteria. But I have to say, the food is usually $\qquad$ .
I'm not sure which dish they serve most often.
It's probably fried $\qquad$ or macaroni and $\qquad$ .
I should warn you, though. There is a rumor going around about the $\qquad$ soup. People say it was made in 19 $\qquad$ . How $\qquad$ !
Next time ${ }^{9}$ you're in the city where I live, come on by and I'll treat you to lunch!

# Bugs's Big Day 

## Directions:

A synonym is a word that has the same meaning as another word. Read the story. Then find the synonym for each blue word in the Word Box. We did the first
one for you.

## Word Box

about carried clean lives middle owns ready sure
My pet rabbit, Bugs, dwells in a cage in my backyard. I keep his
(1) dwells
lives cage spotless. I feed him and pet him. When my teacher said anyone who possesses a pet could bring it in for Class Pet Day, I was prepared! I toted Bugs's cage all the way to school on a city bus. It took around an hour but it was worth it. I put Bugs in the center of the room and everyone took turns petting him. I'm certain that Bugs was the world's happiest rabbit that day.
(2) spotless
(3) possesses
(4) prepared
(5) toted
(6) around
(7) center
(8) certain

## A Winning Story

## Directions:

Use the words in the
Word Box to complete the story below. We did the first one for you.

## Word Box

either Neither together several Today
yesterday different

Carlos and Anna play checkers together almost every day. They play again and again.
$\qquad$ one likes to lose. Carlos has $\qquad$ the winner times. When they played
$\qquad$ , Anna won every game.
5 , - $\qquad$ one
6
7
could win. Maybe they should play a

$\qquad$ game $\qquad$ !

Now try this! Put the words in the Word Box in $A B C$ order. We did the first one for you.
1
$\qquad$
(4) $\qquad$
7
$\qquad$
2
$\qquad$
(5) $\qquad$
6
8 $\qquad$
(3) $\qquad$ 9

## H MOMN NOME

Directions:

Read this ad for Fright
Boosters Night School. Then complete the maze by passing only through the true sentences. The correct path
takes you through
seven boxes. isn't something you're born with. It's a skill you can learn. And at Fright Boosters Night School, we can teach you.
Soon little old ladies will faint at the sight of you. Grown men will leap straight into the air at your growl-or your money back.
Call today!



## Directions:

The alien who wrote this ad can't spell very well! Can you help? Find and circle nine misspelled words. Then write the words correctly on the lines below.

## Aliens Can’t Spell!



If you're from the planet Gooeygoopiter, listen up!
Do you have trubble with slime? Has it bin oozing from your ears and toes? When you get togehter with human friends, do your feet leave embarrassing gooey marks on their carpets?

What you are about to lern will change all of that. SLIME AWAY is the first slime remover made for stubborn problems like yours. Simply apply it to your toes and ears. Wait sevral minutes. Then watch as SLIME AWAY works its magic! You'll look and feel difrent right away.

Behind all that slime there's a beautifull alien! So why wait until tomorow when you can be slime-less twoday?
(1)

$\qquad$ 7 $\qquad$
(2) $\qquad$ (5) $\qquad$ 8
9
(3) $\qquad$ 6 $\qquad$
again answer beautiful
 <br> \title{
Name That Word! board Game
} <br> \title{
Name That Word! board Game
}

## What you need to play:

- The game board on pages 28-28f this book
- Word Cards (cut from two pages, beginning on page 25 of this book)
- Two players
- A game piece for each player (like a coin or a button)
- One die


## How to play:

- Place all the Word Cards facedown in a pile.
- Roll the die. Move your piece the number of dots on the die.
- If you land on a pink circle, say a word that rhymes with the word in the circle.
- If you land on "Pick a Card," your partner picks a Word Card and reads the word on the card out loud. You have to spell it. If you spell the word correctly, move ahead one space. After you follow the directions on that space, it is your partner's turn.
- If you land on any other circle, follow the directions.
- The first person to reach Finish wins!


## More games you can play with the Word Cards:

## Spelling Pile-up

- Put all the cards facedown in a pile.
- One player picks a card and reads it out loud. The other player has to spell the word.
- If that player spells it correctly, he or she gets the card. If he or she spells it incorrectly, the other player keeps the card.
- The player with the most cards at the end wins.
- You can also play this game with rhyming instead of spelling.


## Memory

- Combine 12 of your cards with the same 12 of a friend's cards. (Use either all of your light blue cards or all of your dark blue cards.) Mix them up.
- Spread all of the cards facedown. The cards should not overlap.
- Pick a card and turn it over. Now pick another card and turn it over. If the two words match, take both cards and keep them. Go again until you turn over two cards that do not match.
- The other player does the same.
- The game is over when there are no cards left. The player with the most cards wins!



## Nord!



## 100 Words Kids Need To Read

Book 1 (First Grade)

|  | car <br> come <br> day <br> did <br> do <br> don't <br> down <br> eat <br> eight <br> fast <br> father <br> five |
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| Book 2 (Sec | Gra |


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| quiet | some | took | woman |
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