

Word Recognition

Kindergarten is an important step in your child's path towards reading, and you can make it a big step. Once your child can recognize the letters of the alphabet, you may want to start practicing simple word recognition. Here's a fun and easy way to get started:

What You Need:

- Index cards
- Pen or marker
- Old magazines
- Photographs (optional)
- Scissors
- Glue



What You Do:

1. On one set of index cards, write some simple words that are easy to represent visually.
2. On another set, draw or cut out magazine pictures that illustrate the words you have chosen.
3. Lay all the cards on the table, face up, and have your child match each word to the corresponding picture.
4. You could also try some name recognition by using photographs of your child, siblings, friends, relatives, and so on. Write each person's name on an index card and have your child match the photos to the appropriate name cards.

Soon, your child will be matching words and images in a flash, and his confidence and ability to recognize basic words will skyrocket!

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