



Reading Nonsense Words



PICTURE ACTIVITY: There are lots of interesting sounds at a music party! See if you can look at the made-up words and say those musical sounds.

Note to Parent: This activity finally puts the skills together and, like magic, your child is reading! In this lesson, you will be practicing with nonsense words. Remember, this is a way to be sure they are “sounding out” each word they see.

You should have: letter cards. (i, b, p, m, a, n, k, o, c, g, u, z)

LESSON:

Do Sit next to your child. Pull the letter cards i, b, p, and m from the deck.

Say We are going to use some of the letters to make a nonsense word. I want you to look at the word with me. I’m going to ask you to tell me the first sound, the second sound, and then to blend the sounds to say the nonsense word.

Do Use the letter cards to make the nonsense word ib. Place the letters on the table facing you and your child.

Say I’ll put my finger at the top of each letter card and then sweep with my hand across both letters as you blend the two sounds. Here’s your word.

Do Help your child by putting your finger above each letter as she sounds it out. Sweep your fingers across the top of both letters to signal blending. When your child can do ib, change one letter to make the next nonsense word. Repeat the process of sounding each letter and sweeping to blend until your child has read these: ib, ip, mi.

Make these words:

ni	oc	za
ki	og	zo
ak	op	zi
ap	ip	zop
pi	ig	nup
ip	gi	zop
	ga	caz
	ap	paz
	ag	nuz
		zin
		kak
		gik
		nak

Encourage finger tapping and hand movements for vowel sounds, if this helps your child.

i

b

p

m

a

n

k

o

c

g

u

z