



GRADE 1 LITERACY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Family support boosts learning, and Lexia is here to help. Try these fun games and activities to reinforce and build your growing reader's literacy skills from home.



Act It Out

Help your growing reader develop compare and contrast strategies by playing charades. Talk about categories, like animals or sports. Work together to brainstorm what's the same and different from category to category, as well as what belongs and doesn't belong. Then, act out objects or items from each category.

Like this activity? Make the game even more challenging by narrowing the categories: ocean animals, insects, or pets.

	flagpole	rainbow
	hotdog	starfish
earring	milkshake	sunflower
firefly	pigpen	timeline



Paper chains for word learning? Yes! A word chain is a set of words that change by one sound at a time. Word necklaces go one step further. They start and end with the same word. Here's an example:

cat cast cost lost last fast fat cat

Have your growing reader write word chains on interlocking loops of paper to create a necklace of words. Here are some other word chains to keep the fun going:

spot pot plot lot lost list last past post pot



Scavenger Hunt

Sturdy. Rough. Curved. Encourage your growing reader to use describing words like these – called adjectives – to help them focus on details and develop a rich vocabulary. Here's a fun activity to get started.

Talk about what each word means, have your reader use it in a sentence, and brainstorm related words together. Then, send them on a scavenger hunt for items that fit each description!

Next time you read together, point out these and other describing words. Write them down, use them daily, and try more scavenger hunts!

unusual

straight

short

lumpy

clear

fresh

wooden

striped

colorful

fancy

silky

rubbery

