

Games to Support Key Literacy Skills

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

This is an excellent website that hosts a variety of links to games, including BBC education resources. *Topmarks* offer good, simple games for your child to play at home and school to help them develop and remember their new learning. This page highlights only a sample of the English games. The Number (Mathematics) games available on the same webpage are just as valuable!

Find games to support your child's targets:

Most of these games will not work on a tablet computer. A laptop or PC are required. See later in this document a range of Apps – recommended on Apple devices.

Letters and Sounds

Starfall - Learn to Read



This site can help you to learn to read. There are good quality games and animated stories. You can click on words to see what they say. This site can help you to learn the sounds

(*phonemes*) that letters make.

Hanging Monkeys

A game where you need to match the picture with each three-letter word.



Garden Leaves



Clean up the garden leaves by sorting the words. You need to listen to the last sound in each three-letter word (cvc words).

This is best in full-screen view.

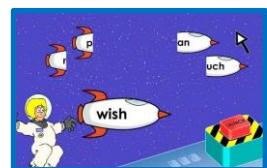


Slides

A literacy game where you need to listen to and then choose the last sound to finish the word. Best in full-screen view.

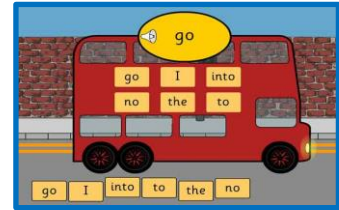
Consonant Digraphs

You will enjoy finding out how we put letters together to make different sounds: th, ch, ph and sh. Then try the game to see if you can make the rocket take off.



Phase 2 Tricky Word Bus

See if you can match the tricky words and put them on the bus or just listen to the word and see if you can find it. A word game with tricky words from Phase 2 of 'Letters and Sounds'.

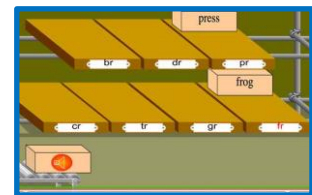


Bowling Alley

A bowling alley game where you need to choose the initial consonant blend on the bowling ball that matches the word. Phase 4 Letters and Sounds.

Word Warehouse

An initial blends game on br, dr, pr, cr, tr, gr and fr. Listen to the words and sort them according to their initial consonant blend.



Final Letters

A game where you need to find words with the same two letters at the end. See if you can find the words with the same ending sounds.

Last Letter

A game where you need to find words ending with the same letter. See if you can help the character Di paint her pictures.



Letter Planet

Fill up the rocket with fuel by choosing the words that have 'sh', 'ch' or 'th' in them.

Words and Spelling



Similar and Opposite Words

A delightful interactive animation about synonyms and opposites with the characters Lexis the Magician and his friend Grizzle. Try the easy matching activities.

Lexis the Magician

A delightful interactive tutorial on compound words and apostrophes with two cartoon characters Lexis the Magician and his friend Grizzle.



Spelling Bee



The spelling activities on this US site are for children aged 5 in September (Grade 1) up to age 17 in September (Grade 10). They can help with SATs spelling tests for us in England. Sample a Grade difficulty and try lower or higher depending on how well you do.

Sandcastle Quiz

Listen to Colin the Clam say the complete word then click on the sandpie with the right spelling for the missing phoneme.



Blast the Rocket

A game where you need to choose the past tense of a given word but be careful you don't always just add 'ed'.

Fish 'Em Up

Drop the fishing line to catch the right ending to words in this spelling game.



There are also many Apple and Android apps you can download to support your child in a practising their number and literacy skills. Here are a few I recommend.

Literacy App name:

Shake-a-Phrase
Collins Big Cat stories
Phonics Genius

Description:

Fun with words and sentences
Interactive stories (at least 6 titles available)
Children can add voices and character responses.
A great bank of words, organised in groups to support key graphemes children are finding tricky.

Numeracy App name:

What time is it Mr Wolf?

Telling Time Free

Telling Time Quiz

Maths Slide: tens & ones

Maths Slide: place value school edition

Maths slide: multiplication and division

Maths slide: hundreds, tens & ones

Maths Slide: basic facts school edition

Pizza Fractions 1

Geoboard

Symmetry School

Maths Bingo

Fill the cup

One touch Drawing

AniMatch

Description:

Options allow you to

Similar to above – unlock more difficult levels

Use tools to set difficulty (from o'clock to 5min intervals)

A great collection of games which can be played independently, or with up to 4 players. Encourages pace - drawing upon quick mental calculation work.

Identify the fraction to match the picture displayed

Practise making 2D shapes and discuss their features

Symmetry grids – complete the patterns

Four operations available (+ - x ÷) with 3 difficulty levels

Play rods, Fill the cup, Balance, Balance (multiply):

4 great games to support number understanding and some balance number problems – including a breadth of difficulty.

Problem solving - pathways

A memory game – match the picture ('Pairs')

If you would like further ideas about how to best support your child at home, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are here to support you and your child, in order for them to make the progress and be happy in their learning journey.

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