



Here are a selection of activities that you can complete at home to help your child with their pre-reading skills.

<p>Make pizza bases from packet bread dough or from scratch. Have a selection of toppings. How many did you pick? Read the instructions together and talk about what to do.</p>	<p>Set up a jigsaw table with a jigsaw to do. Discuss the picture, colour, shapes and the types of pieces you are looking for. This could become a weekly activity each weekend!</p>	<p>Go on a 'sign and print hunt'. Ask your child to point out signs they see when you are out walking or driving. Read the sign or print to your child and talk about what it says and means.</p>	<p>Play Bingo taking turns to be the caller. You could use numbers or pick names/words to have on your bingo cards.</p>
<p>Play "Say it fast; say it slow." Choose a word and then say it fast and slow. For example: Butterfly Butt er fly Turtle Tur tle</p>	<p>Practise retelling one of your favourite stories. Can you tell the story in the correct order? You can repeat this with other stories as you become more confident with them.</p>	<p>Play different board games with your family (e.g. Snakes and Ladders, Ludo). Talk about the moves you have made.</p>	<p>Help your child identify the first letter in his/her name. Then find that letter in books, on signs, and other things in the environment.</p>
<p>Sing nursery rhymes! There are lots of different nursery rhymes and these help you to notice rhyming patterns. Here is are a couple of links to help you think of different nursery rhymes:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-a-to-z-index/z4ddqwx</p> <p>https://www.emmasdiary.co.uk/baby/lets-play/nursery-rhymes</p>	<p>Have a Teddy Bear's Picnic outdoors or a Picnic Day indoors. Talk about the foods you will need to make and prepare. Sing songs on the picnic and play I spy.</p>	<p>Draw a character game. Draw the head and neck, fold to cover and pass to the next person. They draw the shoulders to waist, fold and pass it on. The last piece is to draw the legs and feet. Unfold and see the character you have created. You could give your character a name and make up a story about them.</p>	<p>Practise the alphabet song! You could play an alphabet game where you give an object for each letter of the alphabet. This would be a good game for a long car journey!</p>