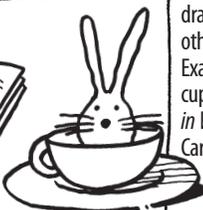


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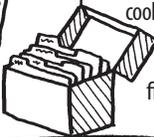
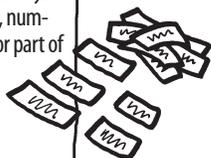
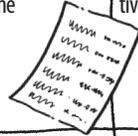
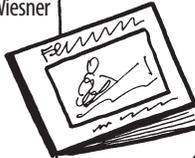
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<p>List four types of reading that begin with different letters of the alphabet (autobiography, chapter book, field guide, mystery). Read one a week this month.</p> 	<p>Ask someone to give you five random nouns (sailboat, bear, guitar, house, pumpkin). Can you write a story that includes every word?</p> 	<p>Write a message for a family member on a dry-erase board or a notepad. ("Thanks for dinner, Mom." "Good luck on your test, Matt!")</p>	<p>Take turns making up lines of a family story that begins, "Remember when we... (got lost, built our tree house)." Use dramatic voices and act out exciting parts.</p> 		<p>Illustrate a pair of rhyming words for someone to guess. For instance, you might draw rain falling on blossoms (flower shower).</p> 	<p>Set up a magazine swap with a friend. Borrow an issue from each other, and return it when you finish reading.</p> 
<p>Pretend you're famous, and write an encyclopedia entry about yourself. <i>Example:</i> "Jon Jones set a world record for scoring the most goals in a soccer game..."</p> 	<p>Use a photo to practice inferring (reading between the lines). What are the people in the picture thinking? How can you tell?</p> 	<p>Take turns thinking of a book and drawing clues to help other players guess it. <i>Example:</i> rabbit and teacup for <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> (Lewis Carroll).</p>	<p>Practice your spelling words using American Sign Language. Search for the alphabet online, or find it in a book (try <i>Sign Language for Kids</i> by Lora Heller).</p> 		<p>Celebrate one writer's birthday by reading a book written by that person. Search online to learn which authors were born this month.</p> 	<p>Write a letter to a company that makes a product you use (baseball glove, modeling clay). Explain why you like it or what could be better.</p> 
<p>Invent descriptive names for your favorite colors. <i>Examples:</i> traffic cone orange, evening sky blue, snowball white.</p> 	<p>Practice being a ventriloquist. Read from a joke book, and use a sock puppet to say the punch lines without moving your lips.</p> 	<p>Find five acronyms in a newspaper, and try to figure out what the letters stand for. <i>Example:</i> NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration.</p> 		<p>Write down names of 10 items you see (thermostat, computer, pillow), and have a friend do the same. Look at each other's lists for one minute, and try to write the words from memory.</p> 		
<p>Look through a library book of quotations, and fill a poster board with your favorites. <i>Example:</i> "Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one." (Dr. Seuss)</p> 	<p>To remember <i>their</i> or <i>there</i>, point out that "there" has the word "here" inside it. Suggest he use the phrase, "here or there" to help him remember that "there" is for places.</p> 	<p>At the grocery store, take turns pointing out foods with three or more syllables (celery, macaroni, tomato). Who can find the product with the most syllables?</p>	<p>List friends' birthdays in a small notebook. Use your birthday book to remind yourself to make cards for your friends on their special days.</p> 	<p>Play book charades. Act out the words in a book title or the action in the book. Whoever guesses correctly acts out a book for you.</p> 	<p>Cover a shoebox with construction paper, cut a slit in the lid, and write "Family Suggestion Box" on top. Invite suggestions, and read them at dinner once a week.</p> 	
<p>Lay eight Scrabble tiles faceup. Using pencil and paper, see who can make the longest word using only those letters.</p> 	<p>Jot down new words while reading and look them up in a dictionary. Then, use different color markers to write them in a "cloud"—vertically, horizontally, and diagonally.</p> 	<p>Make a list of things you can do every day to help the environment (take shorter showers, walk to school). Post your list on the refrigerator.</p> 	<p>Read a newspaper article about another country. Tell someone three things you learned about that country (name of a city, the climate).</p> 	<p>Think of a place (Mars) for a friend to guess. Give clues (red, rocky) until he figures it out. Then, trade roles.</p> 		

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<p>Make a word-search puzzle on graph paper by hiding your vocabulary words among random letters. Ask a friend to make one for you, and trade papers.</p> 	<p>Play a word game like Scrabble, Boggle, or Upwords. Keep a dictionary handy to look up words if you challenge another player.</p> 	<p>Choose a chapter book for you and a friend to read. Plan to meet in two weeks to discuss it, and then get reading!</p> 	<p>Pretend to visit the setting of a favorite story. Make a postcard that tells what you saw there. ("Today I went to Terebithia. The castle was huge!")</p> 	<p>Write vocabulary words on separate slips of paper. Then, sort the words in different ways (by vowel sound, number of syllables, or part of speech).</p> 		
<p>Place a jar in a central location and have your family fill it with jokes written on slips of paper. When you need a laugh, draw a slip and read it aloud!</p> 	<p>Write words that end with each letter of the alphabet (<i>area, cab, optimistic</i>). How many ending letters can you use?</p> 	<p>Make a story mural. Paint three scenes from a book: one from the beginning, another from the middle, and a third from the end. Use your mural to tell someone the story.</p> 	<p>Create a rebus story (told with both words and pictures). For a spooky tale, you might replace the words <i>moon, owl, and house</i> with drawings.</p> 	<p>Misspell a word (<i>trampoline</i>), and ask a friend to spell it correctly (<i>trampoline</i>). Then, let her misspell a word for you to fix.</p> 		
<p>Read a how-to guide such as <i>Yo-Yo World Trick Book</i> by Harry Baier or <i>Magic Tricks with Coins, Cards, and Everyday Objects</i> by Jake Banfield. Show someone what you learn.</p> 	<p>Write instructions for a craft you're familiar with (friendship bracelet, craft stick house). Read over your directions to be sure the steps make sense and are in the correct order.</p> 	<p>Think of people your family calls regularly (grandmother, best friends). Make a list of their phone numbers and hang it on the refrigerator.</p> 	<p>What does your name mean? Look it up in a book of names. Then, look up friends' and relatives' names.</p> 	<p>Write a short comic. Cut several pictures of people or animals from old magazines, and glue them on a strip of paper. Draw balloons above each character, and add dialogue.</p> 	<p>Save bottle caps or look for bingo chips at a dollar store. Print the alphabet on them, and arrange the letters to spell words.</p> 	
<p>Research your state tree, flower, and bird in an encyclopedia or online at <i>50states.com</i>. Draw and label a picture of each one.</p> 	<p>Read a wordless picture book such as <i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner or <i>The Red Book</i> by Barbara Lehman. Make up a story to go with the pictures.</p> 	<p>Write a short review to convince a friend to read a book you enjoyed. Summarize the story, and explain why you liked it—but don't give away the ending!</p> 	<p>Check out a poetry book from the library. Toss two dice and read the poem on that page number (<i>example:</i> roll 2 and 5 and read page 25). Repeat to read more poems.</p> 	<p>Combine two fairy tales to create your own. For instance, you might write "Snow White and the Seven Pigs" or "Goldilocks and Gretel."</p> 		