


Glebe Teachers' Top 10 Phonics Activities to do at Home

(in no particular order)

All activities can be adapted to suit where your child is in their learning journey.

1. Duplo Word Building - place a sticker with a sound from the Jolly Phonics on a duplo brick. Your child can build a word using the letters. This words can be a difficult as they can manage.
2. Alphabet on the Go - you will need a paper plate, a pair of scissors and a marker pen. Snip around the edge of the plate in 26 equal strips. Write the letters of the alphabet on the sections (in order). On car journeys or in the supermarket or just out and about, get your child to look out for objects beginning with each letter. Alternatively they could look out for each letter around the environment, e.g. on road signs, car registration plates, food labels in the shops, etc. Once they have found the object or letter, they can bend down the strip and look out for the next letter.
3. Runaway Letter Game - using magnetic letters on the fridge, place in alphabetical order with one letter missing. Recite (or sing if you are brave enough!) the ABC song, and when you reach the missing letter, stop and say "There's a letter missing! Which one is missing?" Get your child to tell you which letter it is and what sound it makes (you may give a hint with the action if you need to).
4. Alphabet Soup - during your child's bath time, tip foam letters (£3 from Tesco) into the bath water and call out letter sounds. Your child has to find the sounds. Alternatively, if your child is ready to build words, you could call out a word and your child could find the letters needed to build that word. The foam letters can then be placed on the side of the bath or on the tiles to display the word they have built.
5. Phonic Catch - cover a ball with stickers/post it notes with letters or words on them, throw the ball to your child, once they have caught it, they have to identify the sounds/words under their hands.
6. CVC/Sight Word Stomp - write cvc words or high frequency sight words on pieces of paper. Spread them on the floor, call out a word and your child has to find it and stomp on it.

7. *Full Circle Game* - this could be done with magnetic or foam letters or even the duplo bricks with letters on. Start with a cvc word, e.g. cat. Changing only one sound at a time your child can make another word - you can either say "What letter do you need to change to make the word 'cap'?" or just allow your child to explore - but only one letter can change at a time. This continues for as long as your child can stand it! However your child must finish with the original word, hence full circle. You could challenge your child to see which one of you can make the most words. As a further challenge your child could write each word as they make it, giving them valuable writing practice.
8. *Post-it note Hunt* - write sounds, blends or words onto post-it notes and stick around the room. Call out a sound/blend/word and your child has to find it and bring it back to you and tell you what it says.
9. *Word Necklaces* - using beads with letters on them (Tesco) and the thread provided, your child can build words and make chains. Not only will this develop their phonic skills, it will also help them to further develop important fine motor skills which will help them with pencil control and writing.
10. *CD Word Building* - write letters on stickers around the CD (or directly onto it with a permanent marker if you no longer want it!) and the word ending on the front of the case. Hold the case upside so the CD is in your left hand and your child can spin the disc to build words.

 Don't forget: for each of these activities, you could do role reversal and your child could ask you to do them. They have to check that you have got it right, thus showing their knowledge. It won't hurt to make a few 'mistakes' to see if they can correct you!