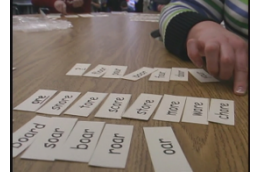


Word Study Sorts

How to Do a Regular Word Sort

- 1) Read all your cards and ask a question if you don't know a word.
- 2) Think about the sounds and spelling.
- 3) Sort the words into columns, using the headers and bold words to make the categories.
- 4) Read the words aloud to check.
- 5) Ask a parent or adult to check. (Look in your Word Study Notebook to verify words are sorted correctly.)



How to Do a Blind Sort

- 1) Choose an adult or parent partner.
- 2) Get a blank piece of paper or white board.
- 3) Write the headers for your word categories.
- 4) Ask your partner to select 10 or 12 words.
- 5) Then, ask your partner to read the words aloud.
- 6) When he or she reads the word, you write it in the correct category.
- 7) When you finish, check the words for correct spelling and category with your parent.



How to Do a Speed Sort

- 1.) Shuffle the cards.
- 2.) Get a timer ready. (option: <http://www.online-stopwatch.com>)
- 3.) Press start and begin sorting your cards.
- 4.) When you finish sorting, press stop.
- 5.) Try again to see if you can get a better time.
- 6.) Record your new time and calculate the difference.
- 7.) Share the results with a parent or adult.



How to Do a Word Hunt

- 1.) Look for words from your weekly sort or words with similar patterns.
- 2.) Cut them out of magazines or newspapers or just write them down as you find them.

