

## Word Ladder – Activities and Practical Ideas

### Pairs

Use post-it notes/paper squares and write the words on each piece (2 copies). Turn them face down and encourage your child to turn over one at a time (read the word) and try to find the matching word. If they match it, they keep it!

### Snap

Create 2 piles of the same words! Jumble them up and place a card on the table, say the word and then the other person places theirs on top. If it matches – shout snap and win the pile. Keep going until all the cards have been won.

### High Five

Use post-its and write the words on each one. Place them around the house and every time your child walks past – give it a high five and read the word aloud.

### Word Hunt

Use your house/garden/local park and hide the words around the area. Ask children to hunt out a specific word – they will be reading each card as they go to find the one you want! Lots of reading going on through trial and error 😊

### Stepping Stones

Write the words on large paper and spread across the floor. Ask your child to jump from one to another as if they are jumping from one stepping stone to another. As they jump they have to say the word they are going to jump on next. Make sure they say the word before they jump!



### I'm thinking of a word...

Use one set of word cards and spread the cards out. You pick a word (in your head) but do not tell them what it is. Say "I'm thinking of a word, the word begins with..." Give more than one clue is necessary. It will help children to identify the order of letters in the words.

### Secret Password

Place a post-it (with one word on it) somewhere in the house that children pass a lot. Explain that each time they pass it they need to read the 'secret password' to enter! They will love this game 😊

### Cut it up

Take a word and cut it up – can your child work to put the letters into the correct order and read the word.

### 'I spy'

Use books in your house to play 'I spy' – become detectives and choose a word to hunt through the book. Use a piece of paper and tick each time your child finds the word. Work together to count up how many times you found the word in the book!

### Splat the sound

Use a fly swatter/wooden spoon to splat the sound. Lay them on the table and shout a word – first one to splat it, wins it. The player with the most word cards at the end is the winner!

We hope you have fun  
and find these ideas  
helpful!