

15+ Play Ideas for your Spin-and-Read Blocks™ & Flashcards



1. **Basic spinning & blending:** Start with the vowel A letter rods. Beginner readers will find the -at, -an, and -ag word families easiest to master since many of these words are already in a toddler's vocabulary bank. Spin the left or the right blocks, or both, and sound the letters out! Keep spinning to read out new CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. Refer to an alphabet chart to refresh letter sounds.
2. **Real or nonsense words shout:** Grab a wooden rod. Keep the right letter still while spinning the left letter. Read each new word and shout out whether it's real or nonsense. Now, switch the block that spins, and repeat. Keep track of the score and see how many real vs nonsense words you can get!
3. **Real or nonsense words writing practice:** Grab a paper and a wooden rod. One column = real words. One column = nonsense words. Spin out new words on your wooden rod, and write down the words in their appropriate column.
4. **Flashcard match test:** Look at the pictures on the flashcards. Review them, then see if you can spell it out correctly with your blocks.
5. **Flashcard mix:** Remove the flashcards' ring, mix the cards up, and see if you can sort them out by vowel! Remember, vowels are color-coded on the flashcards!
6. **Play with a friend:** Grab a friend, your flashcard set and your blocks. One person have the blocks, and one person have the flashcards. This person will show the flashcard with just the picture (no word spelled out). Have your friend create that word with their blocks. Check to see if it's correct by flipping over the card.
7. **Object match:** Create a word & find an object in the house that matches or act out the word.
8. **Word count:** Create as many words as you can. Count them up!
9. **Rhyme them:** How many words rhyme?
10. **Create a word family book:** Get your papers, glue, and scissors out. Create a word family book (for example, -at). See how many rhyming words there are on your blocks. Write them down in your word family book along with any other rhyming words you can think of. Find pictures of them in magazines or on the internet, cut them out, and glue them into your book!
11. **Match race:** Set out words on each wooden rod in a row on the floor. Have an adult hand you 1 picture that matches one of your rods. Run to the rods and pick the correct match! See how fast you can go!
12. **Dice throw:** Pick one word family, then throw 1 dice. Rotate the left block by the # shown on the die. Write down the created word. Better yet, make a chart separating the real words from the nonsense words. Switch word families and repeat!
13. **Popsicle Story:** Get 5 popsicle sticks. Write a letter vowel on each. Blindly choose a stick, take that rod and create 5 different words. Now, tell a short story using those words.
14. **Hit the word:** Get your papers, blocks, and a small soft ball you can throw. Create 5-10 words using your blocks. Write each word down on a separate piece of paper. Tape them up spread on a wall. Have a friend or parent call out one word. Throw your ball to the correct word!
15. **Make puzzles:** Find pictures of words from your blocks, and match them up with the written word.