

PLAY AT HOME GUIDE

Basics Focus: Read and Discuss



Here are some easy activities that can be used at home to engage your children, and continue learning through play. This is a great way for your family to spend time together, help your children develop new skills, and have opportunities for learning through play. If you would like more information on these specific activities, please visit <https://rva.thebasics.org>.

Need an easy, and creative activity to enhance your child(ren)'s reading and discussion skills?

Collage It Out:

Materials Needed:

- Colored paper, glue stick, and magazines.

Ways to Read and Discuss with your child(ren).

- Go through a magazine or ads, cutting out items for a collage. Before you begin, select a category to “hunt” for like, things that are green, or foods, or clothing. As you look together, discuss what you are finding and how it fits into your category (or Not!).
- After your child(ren) have cut out different images or words that fit the theme, make a collage. This is a fun, easy, and interactive way to help them make connections and notice how print and pictures go together.

What is the purpose of the activity?

- To help build basic skills that help prepare children for kindergarten.

Why is it important?

- This helps your child develop early literacy skills
- It provides an opportunity to practice cutting to build hand coordination and motor skills.

Remember: If they see you playing, then they will play. It makes kids want to join in on the fun.