

## Teaching New Words

1. Look at the word - say the word and point to it.
2. Take a 'picture' of the word in their head.
3. Put it into a sentence.
4. Make the word with magnetic letters.
5. Find the word in a written sentence.



## Games to Reinforce Words

1. **Bingo:** Print out a bingo card. Call out the words and the child places a counter on it / colours it in. They can try to fill a row or box.
2. **Snap:** Make two sets of cards with the words on them and play snap with them.
3. **Matching Pairs:** Using the sets of word cards play a memory game. Spread them out face down. Take turns to turn over two of the same words each time. If they can read the words they keep them.
4. **Teddy Bear Game:** Choose a word and draw enough lines across a page for each letter in the word. The child starts guessing what the word is letter by letter. Correctly guessed letters are placed on their lines. Wrong letters are crossed out and the teddy bear is drawn piece by piece. If the pupil gets the word before the teddy bear is completed they win.
5. **Word Erase:** Write the word on a chalk board or in a small tray of sand. The child must watch carefully. When the word is written erase it and the child must remember it and tell you what the word was.
6. **Beat the Clock:** When the child has learned the words use a stop – watch to improve recognition. Time how many they can read, try to beat their own record.
7. **Picture Matching:** Match the words to the pictures. Cut them out and stick them together or play a matching pairs or snap game with words and pictures.
8. **Number Game:** Write a number 1 - 6 on the back of each word card. Take turns to roll the dice. Whatever number it lands on pick up the card with that number and read it. If the child can read it they can take a counter, jelly or sticker. The person with the most at the end is the winner.
9. **Hunt the Word:** Find the words in the surrounding environment or a book they are reading.
10. **Make a Sentence:** Once you have enough words, the children can use the word cards to start making sentences. They may also like to draw a picture for the sentence.