

Writing

Simple phonetic, one-syllable words

A phonetic word is one that can be sounded out correctly, or that you can hear all of the sounds when you say the word. Examples: cat, dog, hit, bop, mud. Examples of words that would not be phonetic: the, say, my, his.

Using writing tools, say a phonetic word to your child. Stretch the word out, saying it very slowly so that your child can hear each sound. Have them say the word back to you and then write it. Check to see that they got each sound. If they missed a sound, say the word again and point to each sound as you say it, asking them to find the sound that is missing. Repeat as many times as your child remains interested.

Simple Dictation Sentences

Here are some sample sentences for you to dictate to your child. Say the sentence to your child. Have them repeat the sentence to you. Have them begin to write the sentence, repeating words and stretching them out, as necessary. When complete, check the sentence together. Help your child to fix any mistakes by repeating the sentence and pointing to each word.

1. Gus has a red bag.
2. He will go to the van.
3. The man is on a bus.
4. Liz zips up my bag.
5. I can see a tan hat on you.
6. I see a big hill.
7. My dog is hot.
8. Can you see the cat?
9. Did Jill get a fat lip?
10. Can I rest on my bed?