

Lists, Lists, Lists

Targeted skill

Young children are expected to learn to distinguish different forms of texts, such as lists, newsletters, and signs, and the functions they serve; name and identify each letter of the alphabet; and learn and apply letter-sound correspondences of a set of consonants and vowels to begin to read.

Materials

- ◆ paper
- ◆ pencil



What to do

Enlist your child's help as you create lists in your family's day-to-day life. Making grocery lists is a good way to start. Give your child some paper (a notepad works well for this) and pencil and encourage him or her to write down the needed items. Have your child bring the list along when you go to the store and read you the list as you shop.

You may have to show your child examples of a list. Use lists that you have made or some that you find in advertisements. Show your child that the words are listed vertically. If you want, show your child how to number the list along the left side of the page.

Extending the activity

- ❖ Lists can be made for many different things, such as places to go for a holiday, gifts desired, names of fellow classmates, lists of family members, a to-do list for Saturday's tasks, or books to read. *What kind of list can you make next*
- ❖ Adding a quick sketch to a word on the list can help your child remember what that word represents. *You can also use clip-art or magazine cutouts.*

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Other things to do

- ✦ Obtain a paper pad made especially for list making. Often these are lined and numbered along the left side. Make this the special list-making paper for your family.
- 27 ✦ If your child enjoys this activity, you might show him or her how to categorize the list. For example, the canned goods and dairy products on a grocery list could be put under separate headings. ^(Sort)

What your child is practicing

Repeated experiences in writing a list of frequently used words gives your child the practice he or she needs in order to learn the necessary letters and their sounds.

My List

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My List

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