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# **Rocket Phonics Word-Find Treasure Hunt Game**

Your child will enjoy practicing reading single words and running off to find the bingo chip you have hidden. When he has found all the chips he has won the game. You might reward him with 10 minutes of playtime (his choice of game) or read a story aloud to him or some other treat he would enjoy. Or you can hide a small prize with the last chip.

This game helps your child develop skill in reading from left to right, recognizing and producing the sounds of letters, and blending. And, of course, any time your child practices reading words he is beginning to learn words that will become part of his sight word vocabulary.

### **Here's how to play:**

1. Cut the prompted words apart. If you haven't already, show your child how to use the Rocket Phonics helpers to make every word phonetic, and easier to read.
2. Help your child practice reading as many of the words you feel is appropriate for his level of skill and interest. For example, a 6-year old just learning to read words may start with 5 or 6 words at a time.
3. Go as slowly as needed so your child understands how to use helpers to read words. If this is a difficult concept for him, you could try writing the phonetic spelling of the word (using the helpers) *beside* the word.
4. Before you have him begin to read and hunt, place or hide a bingo chip at or on each object you will be using. For example, if *window* is one of the words you are using, tape a chip to one of your windows, or place a chip on the window sill below a window.
5. To begin we recommend keeping the hunt in one area or room. Be sure to hide the chip enough so he needs to read the word to know where to look.
6. Explain that in this game he will get to read the word so he can run around the house to find the bingo chips you have hidden.
7. Give him a slip of paper with one of the words. Have him read the word aloud to you. When he has done this, he can run off to find the chip.
8. When he returns with the chip, give him the slip with the next word to read.
9. When he has found all the chips for your game, he has won, and it is time for the reward you have chosen. Good for him!
10. As your child progresses, you can add variety and increase the challenge and fun by combining words, such as *big bicycle*, *red dress*, and so on.

### **Varying the Game:**

1. You can make this hunt easier or harder, depending on what your child will enjoy: you can keep the chips all in one room or spread the hunt all over the house.
2. Notice since you have probably more than one of each of the items in this game you can vary the hunt by hiding the chip in a different sink (or on a different bed, and so on) each time you play.
3. You can use word cards from our phrase game for variety and reading practice.
4. Also, you can put a prize with the last chip – exciting! (Idea sent in by a parent)

# Words with helpers

pen	pencil su
ruler <u>oo</u>	scissors z u z
paper <u>ay</u>	notebook <u>oa</u> <u>ou</u>
glue <u>oo</u>	stapler <u>ay</u>
crayons k                  z	markers o                  z

eraser  
i ay

tape  
ay

keyboard  
ea

monitor  
u

printer

calendar  
k u

magazine  
u ea

envelope  
u oa

box  
ks

big

dish <u>i</u>	sponge u j
placemat <u>a</u> s	bowl <u>o</u>
napkin	counter k <u>ow</u>
fan	basket i
door <u>o</u>	pan

drawer <u>oa</u>	<u>sh</u> elf
cup k	glass
<u>tr</u> ay	pl <u>ate</u> ay
for <u>k</u> <u>oa</u>	kn <u>ife</u> ie
sp <u>oo</u> n	st <u>ove</u> <u>oa</u>

<p style="text-align: center;">to<u>as</u>ter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">re♦frig♦er♦a♦tor i j <u>ay</u> u</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">mi♦cro♦w<u>ave</u> <u>ie</u> k <u>oa</u> <u>ay</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">curtain k</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">pantry <u>ea</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">bread</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">pot</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">lid</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ch</u>ee<u>se</u> <u>ea</u> z</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">me<u>at</u></p>

tuna <u>oo</u> u	jam
milk	juice <u>oo</u> s
apple ul	orange <u>oa</u> i j
banana u u	melon u
carrot k i	celery s <u>ea</u>

pizza  
ea ts

broc♦co♦li  
k u ea

green beans  
ea z

towel  
u

tea

coffee  
k ea

salt  
o

pepper

game  
ay

painting  
ay



stuffed animal t u	wagon i
scooter k	bike ie
bicycle ie si kul	doll
skateboard ay	puzzle ul
skirt u	dress

jacket i	hat
belt	shirt u
shoe oo	socks
pants	plant
doorbell oa	blender

<p>closet k z i</p>	<p>vase ay</p>
<p>mantle ul</p>	<p>fireplace ie ay s</p>
<p>piano ea oa</p>	<p>photograph f oa u f</p>
<p>picture k ch</p>	<p>frame ay</p>
<p>coaster k</p>	<p>wall o</p>

<p>floor o<u>a</u></p>	<p>carpet k o i</p>
<p>Bible i<u>e</u> ul</p>	<p>dic<u>tion</u>ary k <u>shu</u> <u>ay</u> <u>ea</u></p>
<p>video e<u>a</u> o<u>a</u></p>	<p>w<u>ash</u>cl<u>oth</u> o k</p>
<p>steps</p>	<p>stairs <u>ay</u> z</p>
<p>comb k <u>oa</u></p>	<p>brush <u>u</u></p>

<p>tooth<u>paste</u> ay</p>	<p>tissue sh oo</p>
<p>so<u>ap</u></p>	<p>tooth<u>brush</u></p>
<p><u>shampoo</u></p>	<p>doormat oa</p>
<p>yellow oa</p>	<p>red</p>
<p>purple ul</p>	<p>br<u>own</u></p>

<p>blue <u>oo</u></p>	<p>green <u>ea</u></p>
<p>white <u>ie</u></p>	<p>black</p>
<p>pink</p>	<p>tan</p>
<p>old <u>oa</u></p>	<p>new <u>oo</u></p>
<p>wide <u>ie</u></p>	<p>narrow <u>oa</u></p>

front u	back
bath <u>u</u> <u>o</u> m	small o
hall o	family <u>r</u> o <u>o</u> m u <u>ea</u>
k <u>i</u> t <u>ch</u> en	d <u>i</u> ning <u>r</u> o <u>o</u> m <u>ie</u>
living <u>r</u> o <u>o</u> m	bed <u>r</u> o <u>o</u> m

## Words without Helpers

pen	pencil
ruler	scissors
paper	notebook
glue	stapler
crayons	markers



eraser	tape
keyboard	monitor
printer	calendar
magazine	envelope
box	big

dish	sponge
placemat	bowl
napkin	counter
fan	basket
door	pan

drawer	shelf
cup	glass
tray	plate
fork	knife
spoon	stove

toaster	refrigerator
microwave	curtain
pantry	bread
pot	lid
cheese	meat

tuna	jam
milk	juice
apple	orange
banana	melon
carrot	celery

pizza	broccoli
green beans	towel
tea	coffee
salt	pepper
game	painting

stuffed animal	wagon
scooter	bike
bicycle	doll
skateboard	puzzle
skirt	dress

jacket	hat
belt	shirt
shoe	socks
pants	plant
doorbell	blender



closet	vase
mantle	fireplace
piano	photograph
picture	frame
coaster	wall

floor	carpet
Bible	dictionary
video	washcloth
steps	stairs
comb	brush

toothpaste	tissue
soap	toothbrush
shampoo	doormat
yellow	red
purple	brown

blue	green
white	black
pink	tan
old	new
wide	narrow

front	back
bathroom	small
hall	family room
kitchen	dining room
living room	bedroom