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Rocket Phonics Phrase Hunt Game Instructions

Get ready for a lot of fun with this reading game! You'll have lots of variety here as your children practice reading short phrases. The **Rocket Phonics Phrase Hunt Game** is perfect for the child who has just finished Rocket Phonics Lesson 1.5, is in Lessons 2.1 – 2.5, or any child who likes games.

How to play -- Basic:

1. Print and cut each square. You'll note pages 1-3 contain prompted words like *above* and *an*, prepositions and articles. The bottom of page 3 gives you a few blank squares to include your own words, and then begins the nouns, like *pillow*. (You may want to store the nouns in one zip lock bag, and the other words in another.)
2. Pages 4-6 contain prompted nouns. Pages 7-12 contain the same words, unprompted. (You may want to store the unprompted words in two separate bags also.)
3. Select three squares, such as *above the mirror*. Position a Rocket Phonics bingo chip in that location (you may need some tape!) Then place the squares together for your child to read. Give lots of praise as your child blends the words.
4. Next, it's off on the hunt! Instruct your child to look for the bingo chip above a mirror in your home. Big praise when your child finds the chip.
5. Now you are ready to play, using as many phrases as you and your child will enjoy. We suggest you position all the bingo chips before you begin.
6. It may help to lay out the phrase squares on a lined sheet of paper on which you have placed a strip of removable two-sided adhesive tape. They won't move, and the child who wants to touch them can do so without disturbing them.

Rocket Phonics Phrase Hunt Game Variations:

To keep it simple:

1. Place all the bingo chips in one or two rooms.
2. Use only a couple phrases of mostly phonetic words, like *rug*.

Other ideas:

1. As your child progresses, begin using more unprompted words.
2. Do a **backwards hunt**: your child lays out the squares and hides the chips. You read the phrases and go find the chips.
3. Jot down the time it takes your child to read, say, five phrases. As he plays the game over several days, notice his progress.
4. Vary what you hide: pennies, stickers, coupons for hugs, scripture, praise....

5. Make it a treasure hunt: hide a phrase rather than a bingo chip, so one phrase leads to another. At the location described by the last phrase, hide a treasure (coin, gum, sticker, etc.)
6. Playing this game will make grammar simpler to teach later on. Your child will know what some nouns are, as well as prepositions, articles and prepositional phrases.
7. The squares lend themselves to vocabulary building, and beginning writing activities.
8. All your children can play. You may lay out the squares for them, or they can do this for each other. One child may hide chips in the bedroom while another hides chips in the kitchen.
9. Depending on the squares you choose, you may have longer phrases, such as *between the bookcase and the television*.
10. Let us know if you want other words included, and we'll send them to you.

Enjoy!

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