

KEY STEPS to READING SUCCESS

WEEK 5

This week's focus: Sight Words, Comprehension,
Short "u" Vowel Sound

THIS WEEK THE FOCUS IS ON SHORT U, SIGHT WORDS, AND COMPREHENSION

BOOK: 2 Biscuit Books

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ACTIVITIES

Continue to try to read this week's books with your child and do the activities 3 times if you can!

The more you practice with your child, the better he or she will read!

LET YOUR CHILD READ AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

The more you encourage your child to try to read the Biscuit books with you (books from this week and from last week), the more he/she will gradually be able to read those books without any help from you! Practice makes a HUGE difference in succeeding!

BISCUIT BOOKS THIS WEEK: SHORT "u" VOWEL SOUND

This week, you are receiving 2 books that emphasize the vowel sound of short "u," like in the word "umbrella." Point this sound out on the blue word strips that go with this week's books.

As you read the Biscuit books with your child, point under each word in the story. See if your child can read some of the words. Read the books as many times as you can with your child and point under each word. Gradually, you may discover that your child is able to read more of the words in the stories!

There are 2 more comprehension cards in your packet this week. Be sure to continue to talk with your child about the characters, settings, problems, and solutions in each story after you read the books with your child. Tell your child that these books are fiction (not true stories). Knowing that fiction books have characters, settings, problems, and solutions will help your child with comprehending how fiction stories are usually written.

KEEP PLAYING WORD HUNT OR ZAP!

You will continue to receive blue word strips each week for the remainder of the program. This week, all of the words on your blue strips have the short "u" sound in them and they can be found in one or both of your Biscuit books.

You can choose to play word hunt to find these words (that would be good practice for your child). You can choose to play ZAP! with these words. A recommendation is that you go through ALL of the word strips you've been collecting since week one and see how many your child recognizes easily. The words your child is still trying to learn would be good to use in ZAP! But, add some words to ZAP! that are easy for your child as well so he/she feels successful when pulling some of those words out of the cup. It's important to feel successful! It will help your child want to keep learning!

