

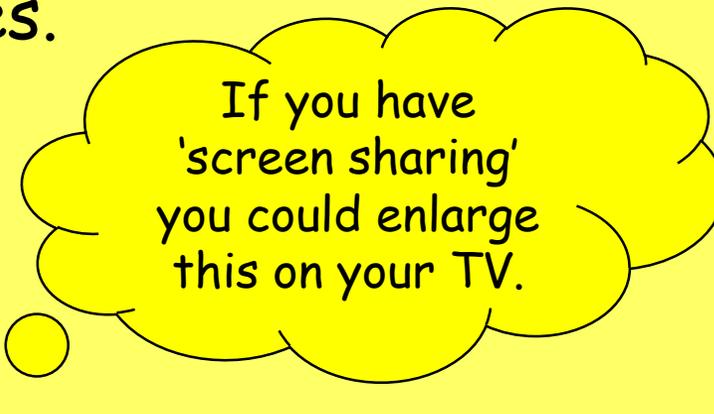
# Notes for Parents and Carers

In this PDF there are 5 activities for you to do at home with your child.

You may choose to do one every day or do a few a day until you're done. Please work at whatever pace suits you and your child.

Your child will need their book and pencil to join in with some of the activities. They will also need access to the internet as there are some links to videos or other online activities.

Some activities are built into this document and will require a little help from yourselves either to read, explain and chat about them.



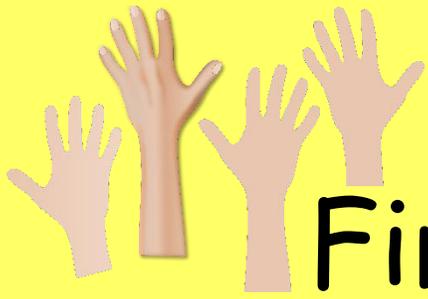
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This week's Literacy are all...

# Mini-Writing Challenges



# Challenge No.1



# First some 'finger gym' to get ready...

Make a Pasta or Cheerio bracelet!

Thread some Cheerio's or tube shaped pasta onto a piece of wool, string or old shoe lace.

Tie the ends together to make a bracelet or necklace.



You could have a race with your grown-up! Set a timer for 1 or 2 minutes. Who can thread the most?

# Now for your 1st challenge!

You will need:

- Your keyword cards,
- A dice or numbers written on pieces of paper, and
- A piece of paper and pencil.

# Keyword Write

1. Pick a keyword.
2. Then roll a dice or pick a number.
3. Write the keyword that many times.

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Maybe you could  
pick the words you  
have been  
practising at home.



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# Challenge No.2

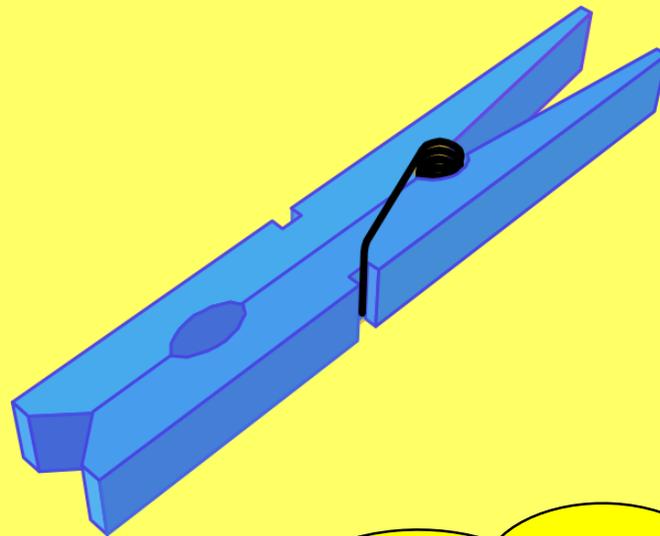


# Get those fingers ready again!

Find some pegs and get 'pegging'.

Peg them on to a clothes airer, paper, cuddly toys or even your own clothes.

How many can you peg in 30 seconds, 1 minute, 2 minutes?



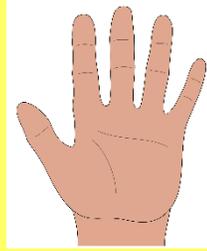
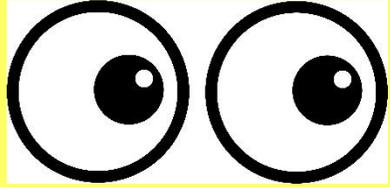
You could do this with paper clips and paper if you have them.

# Now for your 2nd challenge!

You will need:

- Your keyword cards,
- a piece of paper, and
- pencil.

# Look, write, cover and check!



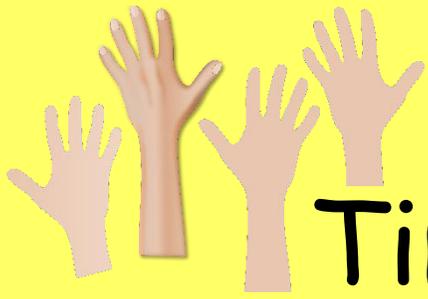
1. Read your keyword.
2. Copy the keyword
3. Cover the keyword and write it again.
4. Uncover and check.

If you want a challenge  
[click here](#) to play a 'Look,  
Write, Cover, Check' game.

**Good job!**



# Challenge No.3



# Time for more 'finger gym'.

Find some squeeze bottles like washing up liquid bottles (don't forget to give them a little wash first).

Fill them up with water, squeeze and squirt away!



This could be a good excuse for a water fight or some bath time fun!!!

# Now for your 3rd challenge!

Learn some letter writing rhymes (see attached file).

As you say the rhymes write the letters in the air with your finger.

Find another way to practise your letter shapes. You could write them:

- \*in mud with a stick.
- \*with water and a paint brush in the bath, on a wall or patio.
- \* on a plate with flour, rice or lentils using a brush or your finger.

**Brilliant!**



# Challenge No.4

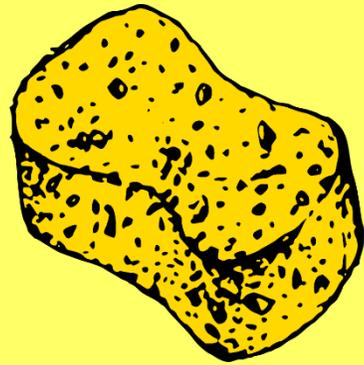


# More 'finger gym' to get ready...

Do you have a whisk, washing up sponge or cloth?

Fill your sink with some water, add some washing up liquid and then get whisking. How many bubbles can you make?

Soak your cloth or sponge with water then squeeze and wring it out.



# Now for your 4th challenge!

You will need:

- Some water,
- Flour or corn flour,
- Pencil, pen or wooden spoon, and
- Yesterday's rhymes.

# Slime!

1. Mix together the flour/cornflour and a bit of water to create a slime.
2. Say the letter rhyme and write the letter using the wrong end of a pencil, pen or wooden spoon. If you fancy it you could use your finger too!



You could add food colouring to make it more realistic.



Fantastic!



# Challenge No.5

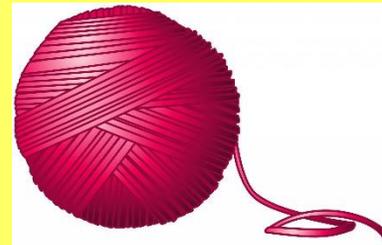
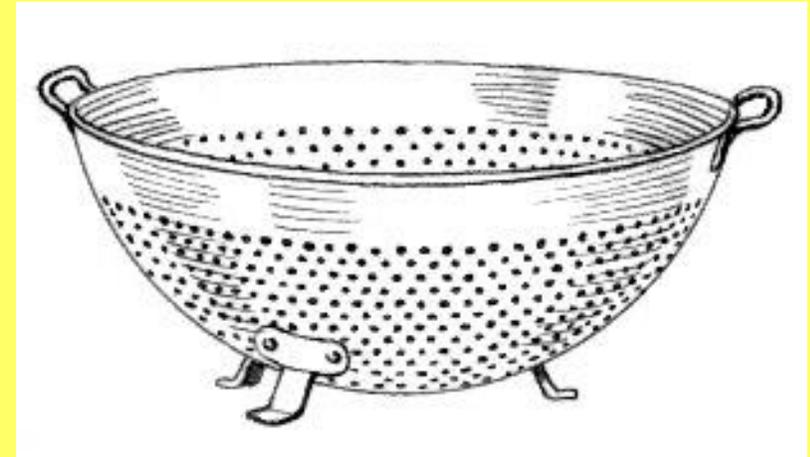


# Get those fingers ready again!

Do you have a colander or wire cooling rack?

Find some wool or string and thread it through the holes.

If you are using a colander you could even thread dried spaghetti through the holes.



# Now for your 5<sup>th</sup> and final challenge!

You will need:

- Your keywords,
- Colourful pens or crayons, and
- Paper or your book.

# Rainbow words!

Pick a keyword and write each letter of the word in a different colour.



If you need a little help get your adult to write it in pencil first then trace it.

Well done!

