

## General Guidelines

### **1. How do I choose the skill to practice in the game?**

Practice the sight words or phonics skill that your child is working on in the classroom. Check the **resource list** to access a list of sight words or words containing phonetic patterns on the computer.

### **2. Why should I use these games?**

Use them to help your child get extra practice learning new skills. Use the games to spend time with your child and to have fun with him/her.

### **3. When should I play these games?**

Play them when your child is interested and rested.  
Play them for about 15 minutes at a time.  
STOP if your child is not having fun!

### **4. What if my child has trouble reading the words?**

Try to include some words in the game that your child knows.

If he/she has trouble identifying a word, offer a hint: the beginning sound, the sound being practiced, or a verbal clue.  
“It’s something in the sky.” (star)

Use the word in a sentence to be sure your child understands its meaning.

Don’t forget to review words that you think your child has learned from a previous day.