



Flashlight Fun

Let's Build a Fort!

Beginner: Read with a flashlight inside a blanket fort.

[Tip]: Help your child point to the words as you read them.

Intermediate: Read with a flashlight inside a blanket fort. Talk about letter sounds and sound out the words together.

[Tip]: Ask what sound letters and letter combinations make. “What sound does the A make in Bat? Which letters make the “CH” sound in Lunch?”

Experienced: In a blanket fort, have your child teach a family member, pet, or toy how to read.

[Tip]: Make sure your child is reading left to right, top to bottom, and putting letters together to make sounds.

Why is this important? Adding fun to learning activities enhances their impact, and practice with letters and sounds supports literacy development. When a child teaches someone else, it reinforces their own knowledge of the subject.

Looking for more information? Check out our Letter Sounds resource to reference throughout the activity!

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