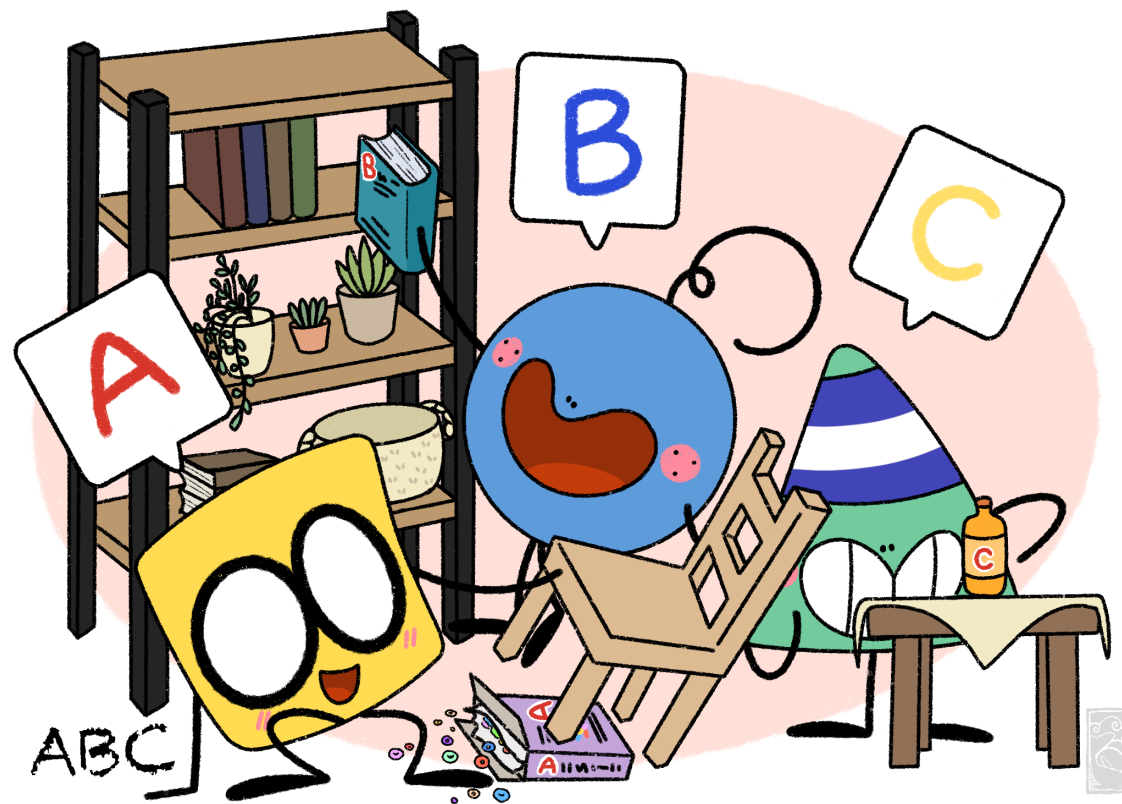


# TOYBOX



## I S-P-Y!

Search and Find!

**Beginner:** Search for individual letters of the alphabet in your environment.

**[Tip]:** Business signs, license plates, cereal boxes, shampoo bottles.

**Intermediate:** Search for sight words in your environment.

**[Tip]:** Words like “and” and “the” are commonly used sight words.

**Experienced:** Search your environment for the letters in the order needed to spell a word.

**[Tip]:** You can spell “FROM” with the letter “F” from a license plate, “R” from a billboard, “O” from a stop sign, “M” from a restaurant name. Keep letters in your head or write them down as you go.

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**What is Environmental Print?** Environmental print are words that appear on labels, logos, and signs. They can be thought of as “the print of everyday life”.

**Why is this important?** This activity will support children in learning word recognition, which can be used in a fun way to practice letter knowledge.

**Looking for more information?** Scroll down for a list of Sight Words.

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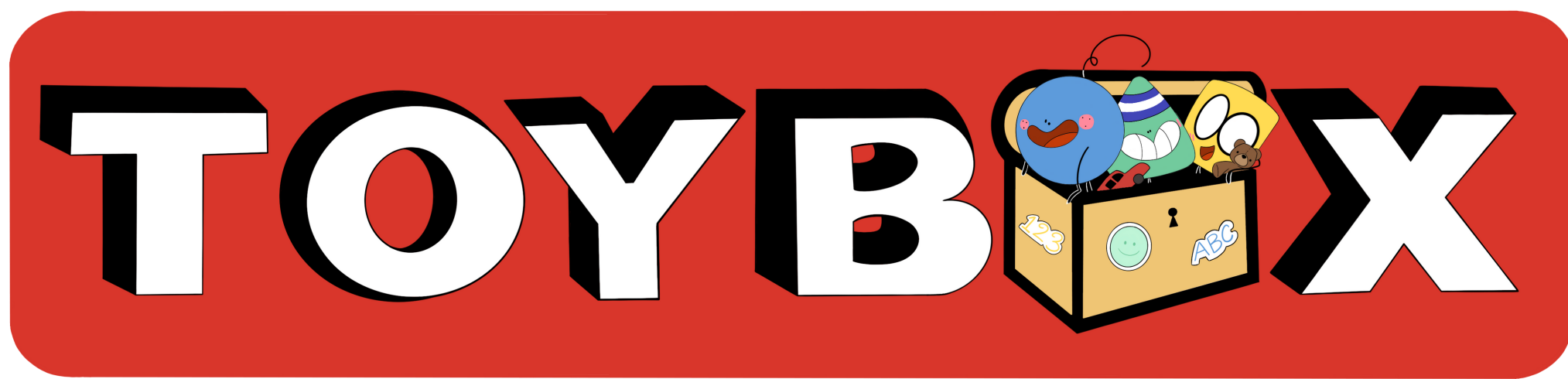
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**English Sight Words** are commonly used in beginner books, because **repetition** is helpful when learning to read. Learning to recognize these sight words automatically can help develop better fluency (flow) when reading.

| Beginner |        |        | Beginner - Intermediate |        |       | Intermediate |        |       |
|----------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------|--------------|--------|-------|
| A        | I      | Run    | All                     | Into   | Soon  | After        | Her    | Put   |
| And      | In     | Said   | Am                      | Like   | That  | Again        | Him    | Round |
| Away     | Is     | See    | Are                     | Must   | There | An           | His    | Some  |
| Big      | It     | The    | At                      | New    | They  | Any          | Hers   | Stop  |
| Blue     | Jump   | Three  | Ate                     | No     | This  | As           | How    | Take  |
| Can      | Little | To     | Be                      | Now    | Too   | Ask          | Just   | Thank |
| Come     | Look   | Two    | Black                   | On     | Under | By           | Know   | Them  |
| Down     | Make   | Up     | Brown                   | Our    | Want  | Could        | Let    | Then  |
| Find     | Me     | We     | But                     | Out    | Was   | Every        | Live   | Think |
| For      | My     | Where  | Came                    | Please | Well  | Fly          | May    | Walk  |
| Funny    | Not    | Yellow | Did                     | Pretty | Went  | From         | Of     | Were  |
| Go       | One    | You    | Do                      | Ran    | What  | Give         | Old    | When  |
| Help     | Play   |        | Eat                     | Ride   | White | Going        | Once   |       |
| Here     | Red    |        | Four                    | Saw    | Who   | Had          | Open o |       |
|          |        |        | Get                     | Say    | Will  | Has          | ver    |       |
|          |        |        | Good                    | She    | With  |              |        |       |
|          |        |        | Have                    | So     | Yes   |              |        |       |
|          |        |        | He                      | Soon   |       |              |        |       |

| Intermediate - Advanced |       |       | Advanced |        |          |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|----------|
| Always                  | Gave  | These | About    | Grow   | Own      |
| Around                  | Goes  | Those | Better   | Hold   | Pick     |
| Because                 | Green | Upon  | Bring    | Hot    | Seven    |
| Been                    | Its   | Us    | Carry    | Hurt   | Shall    |
| Before                  | Made  | Use   | Clean    | If     | Show     |
| Best                    | Many  | Very  | Cut      | Keep   | Six      |
| Both                    | Off   | Wash  | Done     | Kind   | Small    |
| Buy                     | Or    | Which | Draw     | Laugh  | Start    |
| Call                    | Pull  | Why   | Drink    | Light  | Ten      |
| Cold                    | Read  | Wish  | Eight    | Long   | Today    |
| Does                    | Right | Work  | Fall     | Much   | Together |
| Don't                   | Sing  | Would | Far      | Myself | Try      |
| Fast                    | Sit   | Write | Full     | Never  | Warm     |
| First                   | Sleep | Your  | Got      | Only   |          |
| Five                    | Tell  |       |          |        |          |
| Found                   | Their |       |          |        |          |

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