



Sidewalk Spell

Chalk Talk!

Beginner: Print letters together using chalk, a stick, or a wet paintbrush.

[Tip]: Name the letters and their sounds as you go.

Intermediate: Draw pictures with chalk or paint and write simple words to match the drawings.

[Tip]: For a drawing of a dog, practice writing “dog,” “woof,” etc.

Experienced: Draw pictures with chalk or paint and write in sentences to tell the story of the pictures.

[Tip]: Tell the finished story at the end by reading each sentence, out loud, together.

Why is this important? Practice with writing and reading at home reinforces the skills being taught at school.

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