

Scavenger Hunts – Reading Activity

Scavenger Hunts are a great way to engage your child in independent reading while offering your child a movement opportunity. This can help children stay actively engaged in their reading practice because it is fun! Who doesn't like a good scavenger hunt?

You can create your own Scavenger Hunt on paper, a dry erase board or even a chalkboard. The children like to mark off their list as they find their words, so finding a way they can do that will encourage engagement and completion.

Things to know about the Scavenger Hunts:

- Each Scavenger Hunt should be within a specific classification, for example, things in the kitchen, body parts, bugs, animals, names, etc.
- A great way to find ideas for your Scavenger Hunt is to google your classification. A list of words will pop up for you to choose from.
- The Scavenger Hunt should be at or just a bit above your child's reading abilities:
 - If your child is a phonetic reader, use words that can be phonetically sounded out, varying in length, for example, cat or rabbit, plant or lamp, pumpkin or fig.
 - If your child is reading above phonetic level, you can make your words a bit more advanced, throwing in two letter sound combinations. For example, **sh**elf, **sh**ed, **car**, **star**, etc. The word should be otherwise phonetic so that two letter sound is easily isolated.
 - Phonograms we focus on first: ai (snail), ar (yarn), ch (chip), ee (feet), er (helicopter), ie (pie), ng (ring), oa (toast), oo (book), or (corn), ou (cloud), oy (boy), qu (quilt), sh (cash), th (moth), ue (blue)
 - If your child is an avid reader, use any words you can think of, refrigerator, stove, bathroom, tablecloth, cabinet, etc.

Below you will find some printable scavenger hunts.

cup
mug
glass
can
rug
sink
clock

pen
desk
bin
lamp
plant
steps
dog

stick
grass
deck
sand
bucket
rock
bug

pants
sock
dress
tank top
flip flops
hat
glasses

spoon

fork

sink

trash

cup

glass

chair

brush

counter

toilet

shower

towel

bathtub

handle

rug

couch

book

shelf

lamp

switch

plug

bed

closet

shirt

pants

dresser

toy

basket