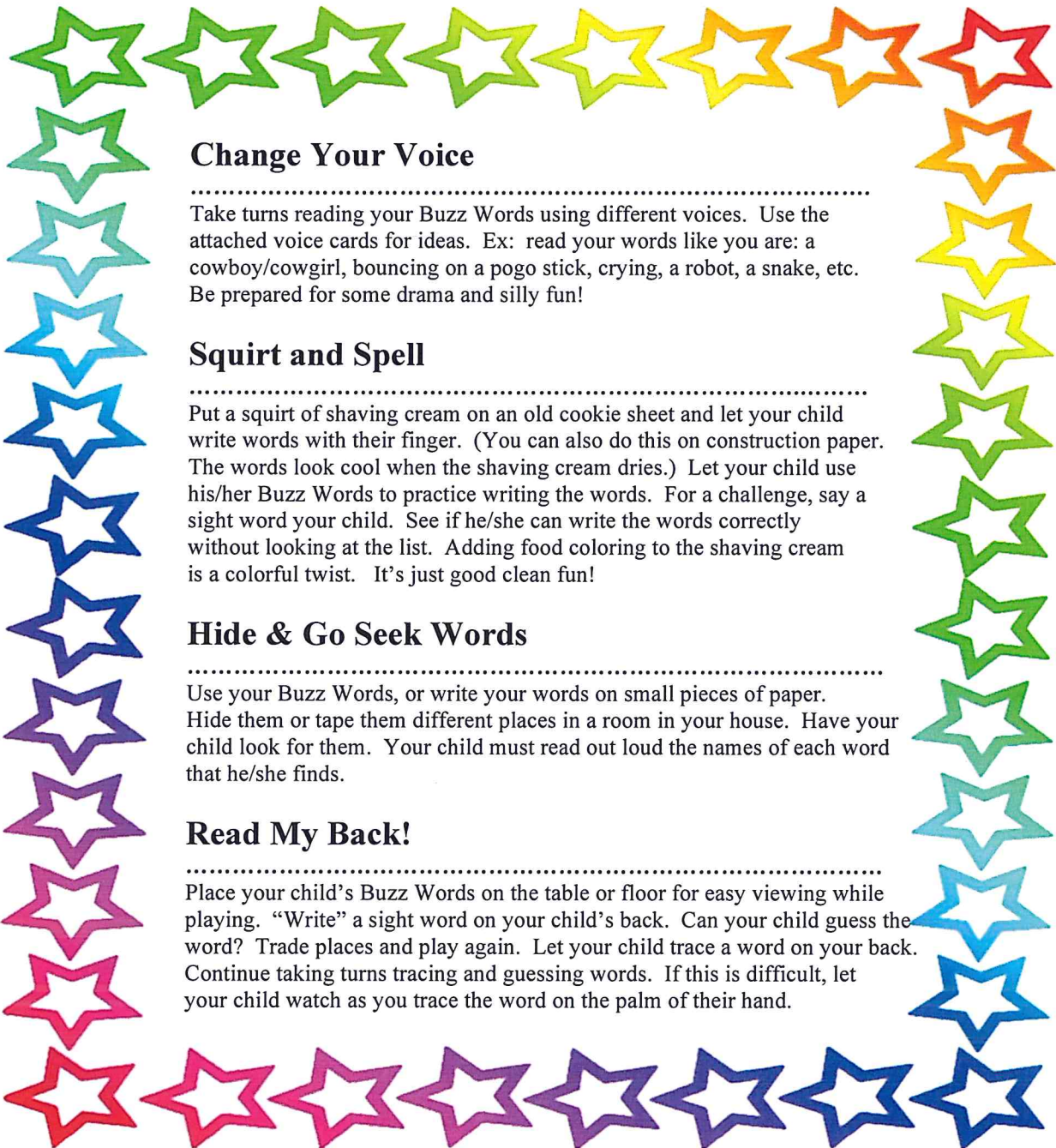


## Buzz Word----Ways to Practice #5

Successful readers use a number of tools to help them understand texts.

An effective and powerful reading tool that parents and teachers can help children develop, is sight word recognition. When a child is able to grasp and identify sight words he/she is well on his way to becoming a thriving reader. *Beginning to learn high frequency words can be a challenge, but once children master around 10-15 words, they become much easier to learn.*

Try the activities below to support your child as he/she increases their sight word vocabulary. Keep this list handy to add fun and variety to your child's sight word practice.



### Change Your Voice

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Take turns reading your Buzz Words using different voices. Use the attached voice cards for ideas. Ex: read your words like you are: a cowboy/cowgirl, bouncing on a pogo stick, crying, a robot, a snake, etc. Be prepared for some drama and silly fun!

### Squirt and Spell

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Put a squirt of shaving cream on an old cookie sheet and let your child write words with their finger. (You can also do this on construction paper. The words look cool when the shaving cream dries.) Let your child use his/her Buzz Words to practice writing the words. For a challenge, say a sight word your child. See if he/she can write the words correctly without looking at the list. Adding food coloring to the shaving cream is a colorful twist. It's just good clean fun!

### Hide & Go Seek Words

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Use your Buzz Words, or write your words on small pieces of paper. Hide them or tape them different places in a room in your house. Have your child look for them. Your child must read out loud the names of each word that he/she finds.

### Read My Back!

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Place your child's Buzz Words on the table or floor for easy viewing while playing. "Write" a sight word on your child's back. Can your child guess the word? Trade places and play again. Let your child trace a word on your back. Continue taking turns tracing and guessing words. If this is difficult, let your child watch as you trace the word on the palm of their hand.

## Change Your Voice

Cut out the cards below. Place them facedown or in a bag. Get ready for some silly fun with your child! Adults go first! Choose a card, change your voice, and read the word list accordingly. Switch roles with your child and play again. Pick a new card each time you read the list of words. Want some other choices? Try these: dinosaur, Yoda, dinosaur, chicken, slow motion, fast forward, ballet dancer, angry, polite, elderly, excitedly repeating 5x each... Can you think of some new voices to add? Write me a note and I will share it with the class.

