

Using Stim Cards in Home Practice

There are many creative ways to embed articulation stim cards into fun games. Below are some ideas that you can try at home.



Dice: Take an oversized dice and tape a stim card to each side. Roll the dice and practice saying the word that comes up. You can also write a number on each side and work it into a simple board game. You can make your own oversized dice out of cardboard (as shown on left).



Card Hunt: Use sticky tack to stick cards around a play house or something similar. Use characters to “find” and flip over the cards. If you have toys that include the target sound, that’s a great addition (e.g., ‘fox’ for initial /f/).

A variation of this activity is practicing each word and *then* sticking the cards around the play house or the room.



Hidden Treasure Cups: Tape the stim cards to bottle caps or paper cups. Hide little treasures under some of the cups such as pennies or raisins. Take turns picking cups and practicing the words. You can either collect the treasures you find and see who has the most at the end, or enjoy the treat found underneath.



Bowling: If you have a toy bowling set at home, practice the words on each stim card as you set up each pin. Then knock over the pins and start again! If you don’t have a bowling set, you can play this game with butterfly clips or clothespins and any ball at home.



Stim Card Board Game: Turn any deck of stim cards into a simple board game by arranging the cards in a line or other configuration. Place coins or tokens along the way to collect. Whoever gets to the end with the most tokens wins the game!



War Card Game: Shuffle the stim cards into each player's deck of cards. As you flip each card, practice the stim cards as they are revealed.

Never played War? Learn how here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tR8q0LqjoA>



Memory Card Game: Use any deck of cards or matching cards that you have around the house. Place the stim cards under the playing cards. Practice each word as it's revealed. You can do this with the stim cards themselves if you print out two copies.

Never played Memory? Learn how here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrVHpx747KU>



Board Games: Select a board game that has very quick turns (e.g., Sorry, Trouble, Snakes and Ladders). Before each players' turn, practice one of the stim cards.



Go Fish: Play the classic card game using the stim cards.

Never played Go Fish? Learn how here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzEVibiOZXc>

(This video demonstrates 4 of a kind Go Fish. When practicing with stim cards, it's best to aim for 2 of a kind / pairs instead of 4 of a kind.)



Magnet Sweep: Attach paperclips to each stim card and place the cards face down. Use a magnetic wand to pick up each card and practice the word.



Fishing Game: Place a paperclip on each stim card and place them face down on the floor or table. Use a magnetic fishing pole to "catch" the cards.

You can make your own fishing rod by using a string to attach a fridge magnet to a pencil or ruler.



Dice Game: Lay out the stim cards as shown on a piece of paper. Roll two dice to determine which card to practice with. One dice represents the numbers across, and one represents the numbers down.



Jenga: Set up the blocks to play Jenga. As you set up each level, place stim cards between the blocks.



house of cards: Use your stim cards to build a house of cards. After practicing the target on each card, add it to the card house.

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