

Sight Word Chants

IN THE SEAT

Movie Star Kisses

- Put hands to your mouth
- Through each letter a kiss, like Marilyn Monroe at the Oscars.

Opera

- Sing the letters in opera fashion

Fly Like a Bird

- Arms flapping up and down

Chicken

- Arms folded up to make wings and head moving forward and back.

Nose

- Hold your nose and spell it

Beat It

- Beat it out on the desk

Cheer It

- Like a cheerleader (Give me an "h", etc)

Snap and Clap

- Snap the vowels
- Clap the consonants

Ketchup

- One hand open, the other closed
- Pound hands together like you would pound a difficult bottle of ketchup.

Explosion (Volcano)

- Start at a whisper.
- Get louder with each letter.
- Explode when you say the word at the end.

Marshmallow Clap

- Almost like a clap but you stop just before the hands touch for each letter.

Slow Motion

- Hold the sound of each letter for a second or two.

Ride'm Cowboy

- Straddle the back of the chair.
- Spin lasso around for each letter.
- Pretend to rope a calf and pull in at the end when you say the word.

Deep Voice

- Say the letters and word in a deep voice.

Mouse Talk

- Squeaky voice with hands curled up by face

Scream It / Whisper It

- Scream the letters and the word
- Followed by whisper the letters then the word (whisper seems to settle the group down after being silly from the scream).

In The Seat or Standing Up

Hand Jive

- Pair children up.
- Children clap hands together for consonants and lap clap for vowels.
- Put hands in the air at the end as you say the word.

Raise the Roof

- Push up toward the ceiling, one push for each letter.

Disco

- Pretend to be John Travolta in Saturday Night Fever (If you're old enough to know what I am talking about)
- Hand starts at stomach for each letter
- Hand up for consonants
- Hand down for vowels

Throw the Stars

- Throw one hand at a time up toward the ceiling for each letter.

Mexican Hat Dance

- Alternate feet in front.

Flapping & Nodding

- Pretend you are a bird and flap your wings, while nodding your head for each letter.

Stomping

- Stomp out each letter with your foot.

Motorcycle

- Hang on to the pretend handle bars and do wheelies for each letter.

Dribble and Shoot

- Dribble the letters and shoot the word.

Yo-Yo

- Pretend to have a yo-yo in each hand.
- Each time the yo-yo goes down say a letter.
- Do a loop-the-loop for when you say the word at the end.
- You might want to add some sound effects to this one.

Pumping Iron

- Pretend to be lifting weights, one rep for each letter. You must strain to get each letter up.
- Pretend to mount the barbell on the stand and sound exhausted as you say the word at the end.

Imaginary Chalkboard

- Children pretend a chalkboard is in front of them.
- Write each letter on the chalkboard. Make the letters large.
- When your finished with each word you can pretend to erase it.
- Note: If teacher is leading from the front of the room he/she will have to form letters backwards.

Apple Picking

- Pretend to pick an apple from the tree and put it in the basket.
- Pretend to pick up the basket when you saw the word at the end.

Robot

- Use a robotic voice, with arms moving back and forth ("Danger! Danger! Will Robinson" style)

Tigger Bounce

- Just do what Tiggers do best - bounce. Bounce up and down for each letter.

Alligator Clap

- Hold arms straight out with our fingers curled to make the teeth
- Open and close arms, clapping our hands together for each letter

Standing Up

Blast Off

- Start crouched at floor
- As you say each letter get a little higher
- Jump into the air at the end as you say the word

Frog Jumps

- Start standing up.
- As you say each letter crouch down a little farther.
- Jump into the air at the end as you say the word.

Back Tracer

- Trace the letter on the back of the person in front of you.
- This is best done in a circle. Then everyone has a back to trace on.
- Note: This is also a common strategy in teaching dyslexic children- so they can feel the letter.

Pat It

- Pat heads for tall letters
- Pat tummies for short letters
- Pat knees for letters that extend below the baseline

Box It

- Pretend to be a boxer
- One punch for each letter

Be the Letter

- Sort of like doing the YMCA song.

Hula

- Hands on hips.
- Swivel for each letter.
- Hands in the air at the end when you say the word.

Jumping Jacks

- One letter for each movement

Toe Touches

- One letter for each toe touch.

Batter Up

- Getting into a batting position
- Take a swing for each letter

Push-ups

- One push-up for each letter.

Frisbee

- Throw each letter out Frisbee style

At the Mound

- Pretend to be a pitcher at the mound and pitch out each letter.
- Pretend to watch the last pitch get hit as you say the word at the end.

Lumber Jack

- Pretend to swing an ax for each letter.
- Pretend the tree is falling down at the end and say the word the way a lumberjack would say TIM-BER!

Surfin' & Spellin'

- Start out by getting on a surf board,
- Sing: "Let's go spellin' now, everybody's learning how, come and spell it with me!"
- Then while we're surfing we say the letters of the word!

The Swim

- Swim the letters.
- Hold your nose and go down at the end when you say the word.

Songs to Sing You sing the letters to the song as if they were the words to the song. Do the whole song since it reinforces the word more often. Point to the word on the word wall, or use flash cards.

Songs for 3 Letter Words

- This Old Man
- Jingle Bells
- Are You Sleeping? (C-A-N can)
- Three Blind Mice

Songs for 4 Letter Words

- Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
- Skip to My Lou
- YMCA
- Are You Sleeping?

Songs for 5 Letter Words

- Skip to My Lou
- Row, Row, Row Your Boat
- You Are My Sunshine
- BINGO ("There was a class that learned to spell; And this is what they sang-o")

Songs for 6 Letter Words

- This Old Man
- Jingle Bells
- Happy Birthday
- Michael Row Your Boat Ashore
- The Farmer in the Dell
- Skip to My Lou

Songs for 7 Letter Words

- She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain When She Comes

- My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean
- Twinkle, Twinkle
- Willoughby Wallaby Woo

Songs for 8 Letter Words

- We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- For He's a Jolly Good Fellow

Songs for 9 Letter Words

- I'm A Little Teapot