

Supporting Students with Autism: Reading Using your Weekly Circular



Before you throw out your weekly circular, use it to practice reading skills in some fun and unexpected ways!

Reading Skills

Objects Labels

- Look at pictures in circular and have your child find same items.
- Name common objects and have your child point to them (ball, spoon, jacket).
- Point to a picture and have your child name it.



"Point to the grapes"



Matching Letters

- Write letters on paper and cut them out. Have your child find the matching letter on cereal boxes, snack packaging, or in books.
- Match uppercase (big) letters to their lowercase (small) letter.



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Learning Letters

- Look for pictures of items that start with a letter (find something that starts with D).
- Show or tell your child letters and have them find them.
- Vowel Hunt: Have your child look for vowels. For example, circle all of the vowels on the cereal box (A E I O U)!



More Reading Skills

Letter Sounds

- Have your child look for pictures of items that start with a sound (look for something that starts with the "buh" sound).
- Say a letter sound ("buh") and have your child find the letter (B) that makes that sound. You can do this using books and food boxes too.

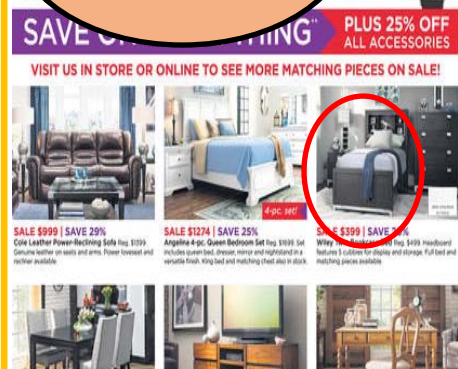
Sight Words

- Match a written word to a picture of the item.
- Match sight words- write them on paper and have your child look for the word in a circular, book, or anything with words!
- Have your child circle sight words and read them out loud as they find them.

Building Sentences & Stories

- Cut out words from circulars and have them make sentences using the words.
- Have your child tell you a story about an item they would like to buy. Write the story for them or have them write it if they can.
- Read them together!

"Find something that starts with 'buh'"



- Ask your child's teacher for a sight word list
- Find sight words here: <https://sightwords.com/sight-words/>

Pro-Tips:

- Start with a skill that your child can do fairly independently so that they don't get discouraged.
- Keep the activity short (no more than 15 minutes)