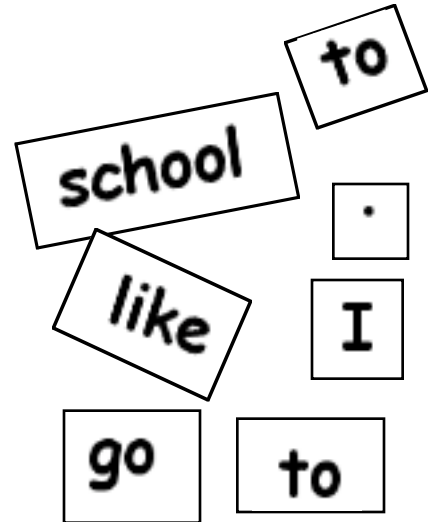


Helping Your Child Write at Home:

Each evening, you can help your child at home by doing CUT-UP SENTENCES:

I like to go to
school .



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1. Ask your child to think of a sentence and say it ("I like to go to school.")
2. Ask your child to say each word slowly and write down the sounds he/she hears. ("What do you at the beginning? In the middle? At the end?). THE CHILD WRITES WHAT HE KNOWS AND THE PARENT WRITES WHAT THE CHILD DOESN'T KNOW. Most children will learn to hear sounds in this order:

- *consonants at the beginning of the word
- *consonants at the end of the word
- *consonants within the word
- *vowels at the beginning of the word
- *vowels within the word

3. After your child writes his sentence, ask him to read it to you while you write it on a strip of paper.
4. Ask your child to read the sentence to you as you cut it into words(pieces).
5. Mix up the words and arrange them right side up.
6. Your child puts the cut-up sentence together, leaving spaces between the words. HAVE YOUR CHILD RE-READ THE SENTENCE EACH TIME HE ADDS A WORD.
7. If your child makes a mistake, DO NOTHING at first. By the time he puts his complete sentence together, he may have noticed the mistake. If he reads it for the final checking and doesn't notice the mistake, tell him he is not quite right and see if he can find the mistake and fix it on his own. If not, you can help him figure if it doesn't LOOK RIGHT, SOUND RIGHT, or MAKE SENSE.

HAVE FUN WITH THIS- SENTENCES ABOUT THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM WORK VERY WELL!