

CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Directional behavior

Left to right

First and last (beginning and end)

Letters have names and make a sound. They represent sounds to make words. Some letters make two sounds; **c, g** and vowels.

Words - letters make words. Count the letters in a word. Listen to the number of sounds in a word (not necessarily the same number of letters) and count them.

Sentences - count the number of words in a sentence. There are spaces between words, capital (upper case) letters to begin sentences and periods at the end of sentences.

Word by word matching - have your child point to words as you read them.

Have your child point to the first letter in a word, then the last word.

Have your child point to the first word in a sentence, then the last word in a sentence.

Have your child identify the following using a book:

Front cover

Back cover

Title

Author

Top of page

Bottom of page

Turn pages from front to back

Moves finger from left to right

Word by word matching

A letter

A capital letter

A lowercase letter

A word

Match a word on the card

Beginning of story

Ending of story