

Mystery Word Reading Activity

PURPOSE / SKILL: To build reading skills by building words

MATERIALS: Letter cards, paper, and a pencil.

INSTRUCTIONS: Print and cut out the letter cards (e,o,f,l,r,w).

ACTIVITY: Your child will move the letters around to make the words you say.

Adult: “Here’s all our letter cards in a row.”

Optional warm up: Ask your child to: Name the letters. Say the sound each letter makes. Find the letter you want, ex. “Show me the ‘w’.” “Which two letters say /er/?” “Find the two vowels.”

Adult: “Nice job! OK I’ll say a word. Think of the sounds you hear and make the word.”

Say the following list of words. Encourage your child to choose letters that make the needed sounds and line them up left to right.

“**we...** What direction do we travel to go to Sayward?”

“**of...** There are lots of smaller islands in Discovery Passage.”

“**or...** Do you like to count by 2’s or by 5’s the best?”

“**for...** Tell me something you did for someone else?” Clue: “This word has two sound, but you’ll need three letters to make it.”

“**elf...** Some people have an elf on a shelf over the holidays.”

“**wolf...** Once a wolf swam from Gowland Island to Campbell River.”

“**row...** You can row a boat if you have two oars.”

“**low...** The screen at the pier has cameras low in the water.”

“**lower**...I can lower the cookie jar so you can reach it.”

“**flow**...The Campbell River flows from Buttle Lake into the ocean.”

“**owl**...Owl masks are carved from one piece of red cedar.”

“**fowl**...Another word for bird is fowl.”

Adult: “Awesome! Here’s a super challenge. Use all the letters to make a real word. Ask for a clue if you need help.”

*The Mystery Word is flower. * Clue suggestions: ‘ow’ says /ow/. Bees like it. It begins with ‘f’.*

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POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS: Use the letters of a different word to repeat this activity.

Ask your child to print the words as they are made and read them to you at the end of the activity.

