

Rebuilding Sentences (Word Concept)

What is “Rebuilding Sentences” and why is it important?

“Rebuilding Sentences” (Cunningham, 1991) is a reading strategy that helps your child understand the concept of a word. This is a necessary step in helping your child learn to read.

How can I use “Rebuilding Sentences” with my child?

Choose a story, rhyme, song, or informational text which is very familiar to your child. Select one or more sentences from the text and rewrite each sentence on a strip of paper. Cut the sentence into separate words and scramble the words. Encourage your child to rebuild each sentence by placing the words in the correct sequence. Your child can use the sentence in the text as a guide or to check his work.

Hickory Dickory Dock The mouse ran up the clock

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