

Pick-Up

What is “Pick-Up” and why is it important?

"Pick-Up" (Johnston, Juel, & Invernizzi, 1995) helps your child practice identifying letter/sound combinations used in "Make A Word" and "Word Sort." The strategy can also be used to review sight words and a variety of letter/sound associations that have previously been introduced to your child.

How can I use “Pick-Up” with my child?

Lay out word cards selected from the "Make a Word" strategy or your child's "Word Bank." Have your child sort them into spelling pattern groups. After the cards are sorted, have your child alternate picking up cards from each pattern group and reading them. Alternatively, you can reverse the roles and have your child call out the words while you find the word and pick it up.

A Word Cards	B Sort into Spelling Patterns	C Pick up and Read the Cards
snap	an ad ap	an ad ap
sad	can sad snap	can sad snap
can	van Brad trap	van Brad trap
Brad		
plans	plans glad flaps	plans glad flaps
van		
glad		
trap		
flaps		