

Reading & Writing Activities to Do With Your Student

The following activities are listed from easy to harder. You can tailor them to meet your student's level.

1. First week, fill in the **All About Us** pages in your manual, Section 3. Student could dictate answers.
2. Word Building Activity (in tutor bag)
3. Have your student **dictate a sentence(s)** about himself. Write it down and read the sentence(s) together. Then tear or cut up the words and have your student put them back together like a puzzle.
4. **Draw a picture** together and have your student write about it or label as many things in the picture as they can.
5. **Play Concentration.** Make two cards using your student's spelling words or sight words. Place the cards face down in a random order. Take turns turning two cards over as you both try to find matching cards. It's best to use about 10 - 12 words for a total of 20 to 24 cards. Index cards work great for this.
6. **Play Scrabble Slam Game** (available at every site!)
7. With a score sheet handy, tutor reads a book while student follows along. The tutor **makes intentional errors** and the student gets a point for each one he/she catches. Switch and let student have a turn reading.
8. **Use the Mini Pages** from the Denver Post (Wednesday)
9. **Play Hangman** with your student's spelling words. Take turns being the guesser.
10. Have a **written conversation** with your student, passing the paper or white board back and forth without speaking.
11. Use a **comic strip** (white-out the existing dialogue) and create a new dialogue for the characters.
12. **Make headlines.** Find and print a short article online or in the paper and remove the headline. Ask the student to read the article and then create a headline and a caption for the photo. Or, find and print an interesting headline and ask the student to write a short article based on it.
13. **Write a letter** to a celebrity, family member or friend.
14. **Use the Kid Page** from the Tuesday Denver Post (4th and 5th grades)