

How to do WTW Sorts at home

Pattern Sort

- Cut out word cards
- Read all of your words
- Ask a question if you don't know a word
- Think about the sounds and the spelling patterns
- Sort the words into columns by a spelling pattern or category
- Read the words aloud to check (think about the sounds you hear and watch out for "oddballs")
- Ask a grownup to check, if you struggle, sort again and re-check
- Glue, tape, or write the words onto the "Word Sort" sheet

Word Find

- Review your word sort list
- Find a book, magazine, or newspaper to read
- Read the book and look for any words that fit your categories
- On your "Word Find" sheet, write the words down in the appropriate category
- Write any more words that you can think of that fit the appropriate category
- Show a grownup all the words that you can find or think of

Blind Sort

- Student closes or covers their eyes
- Another person reads the words to the "blind" person
- Student tells the other person what category the word fits in
- When you are done with the list, check to see if you put them all in the right category

Speed Sort

- Sort words as fast as you can

You Sort

- Sort words on your own while reading the words out loud