

READING LEVEL 2 DEMO DAY TIPS



Introduction

Say: Our bodies and brains both need to exercise to be strong and in shape. We must exercise in order to see the difference and we must work hard. This will help us to listen better and to do better work in school. We will exercise our brains with Fast ForWord.

Let's talk about our rules for our Fast ForWord time:

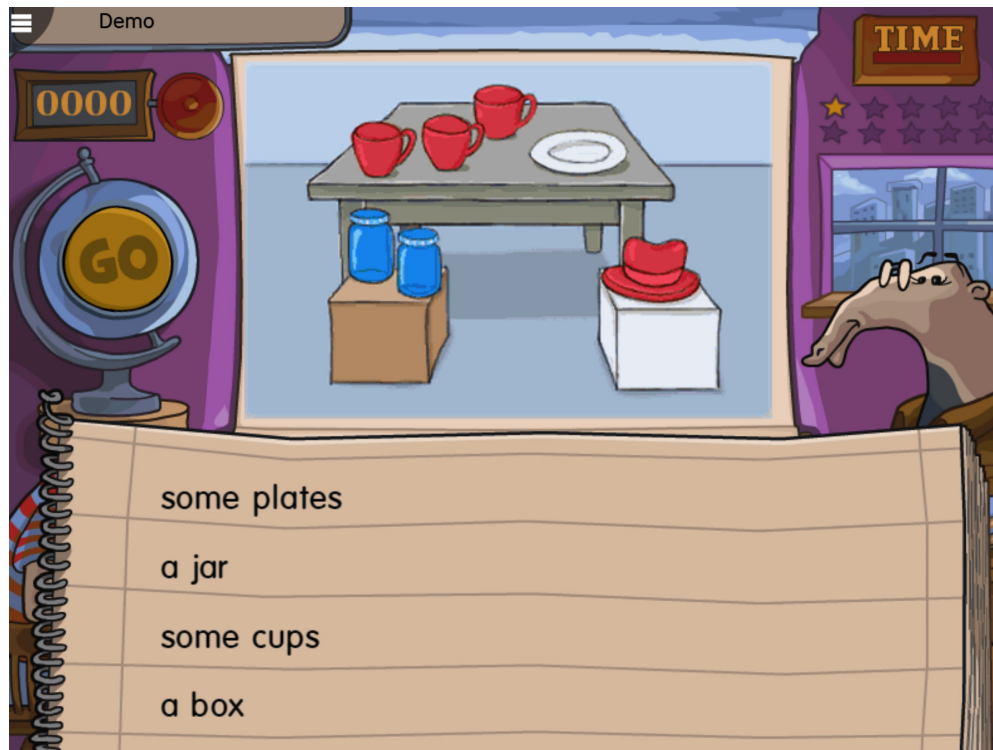
1. We need a quiet environment.
2. We must respect our peers and our equipment.
3. Only take breaks between exercises.
4. Raise your hand if you need help or have a question.

Most important, accuracy—getting answers correct—is the key to progressing quickly. Listen carefully and think before answering. Listening and focus are very important. Wrong guesses count against you. For the quickest progress towards completion, aim for getting as many correct responses in a row as you can.

Now, let's learn about how to do our Fast ForWord exercises so that you understand the goal of each exercise and how the task works.

Ant Antics

Goal/Task: Build reading comprehension skills by selecting the sentence that best describes a given picture.



Demo Ant Antics

1. Say: **Today, we're going to practice selecting the phrase that best matches the picture or parts of the picture. Together, we'll work on an exercise called Ant Antics. I'll get us started, and then I'd like for you to try.**
2. Project the "Introduction–English or Spanish demo" for Ant Antics.
3. Follow along with the demo, which explains how the exercise works.
 - Describe the details you see in the picture.
 - Then, read the four phrases/sentences to choose from.
 - Explain which one is the best match and how you ruled out the other options.
 - Click the correct answer.
4. Demo the keyboard shortcuts:
 - Go button = Space bar
 - Possible answers (top to bottom) = Number keys 1 - 4

Bear Bags: More Lunch

Build phonemic awareness and decoding skills by identifying and matching initial, medial, and final sounds in words, including consonant blends,



Demo Bear Bags: More Lunch

1. Say: **Today, we're going to practice sorting words by their beginning, middle, or final sounds. Together, we'll work on an exercise called Bear Bags: More Lunch. I'll get us started, and then I'd like for you to try.**
2. Project the "Introduction—English or Spanish demo" for Bear Bags: More Lunch.
3. Follow along with the demo, which explains how the exercise works.
4. Demo the keyboard shortcuts:
 - Go button = Space bar
 - Possible answers (left to right) = Number keys 1 - 4

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Speed (Fluency) Round

Say: **When the Go button turns into a timer, the speed round begins. Work on the exercises as before, but faster. You can earn points by getting as many correct as possible in the time allowed.**

Content Levels

Say: **After you get good at doing the first sound in the words, you'll begin to focus on the last sound in the words. Later, you'll move to match the middle sound in the words. You are good listeners, so I know you can do it!**

Dog Bone

Goal/Task: Build passage comprehension skills by reading and/or listening to both fiction and nonfiction passages and answering comprehension questions.



Demo Dog Bone

1. Say: **Today, we're going to practice listening to or reading a passage and answering questions relating to the passage. Together, we'll work on an exercise called Dog Bone. I'll get us started, and then I'd like for you to come up and try.**
2. Project the "Introduction–English or Spanish demo" for Dog Bone.
3. Follow along with the demo, which explains how the exercise works.
 - Explain why this is the best match and how you ruled out the other options.
 - Click the correct answer.
4. Demo the keyboard shortcuts:
 - Go button = Space bar
 - Advance to next screen/Done Reading = Space bar
 - Possible answers (left to right - start in top row) = Number keys 1 - 4

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Content Levels

- Say: **At the highest level in the exercise, Dog Bone presents graphic organizers (such as graphs and tables) instead of passages. None of the information will be read aloud now, you'll have to be careful as you read.**

Fish Frenzy

Goal/Task: Build high-frequency word recognition and decoding skills by rapidly matching spoken words to written words.



Demo Fish Frenzy

1. Say: **Today, we're going to match the word written on the fish with the word the pelican says. Together, we'll work on an exercise called Fish Frenzy. I'll get us started, and then I'd like for you to come up and try.**
2. Project the "Introduction–English or Spanish demo" for Fish Frenzy.
3. Follow along with the demo, which explains how the exercise works.
 - Click the correct answer.
4. Demo the keyboard shortcuts:
 - Go button = Space bar
 - Answer = Down arrow

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Speed (Fluency) Round

Say: **When the Go button turns into a timer, the speed round begins. You must work on the exercise as before, but faster. Remember that you need to respond as quickly as possible, without making mistakes, to earn the most points.**

Content Levels

Say: **At first, Fish Frenzy pronounces and displays all the words in the exercise. After some practice, the exercise only pronounces the target words and only displays the responses. Also, the fish will begin to fly faster across the screen.**

Leaping Lizards

Goal/Task: Build reading comprehension and vocabulary skills by selecting the correct word, letter, or punctuation mark to complete a sentence.



Demo Leaping Lizards

1. Say: **Today, we're going to practice completing sentences with missing words, letters, or punctuation. Together, we'll work on an exercise called Leaping Lizards. I'll get us started, and then I'd like for you to come up and try.**
2. Project the "Introduction–English or Spanish demo" for Leaping Lizards.
3. Follow along with the demo, which explains how the exercise works.
 - First, look at each word, letter, or punctuation mark before choosing the answer that best fills in the blank and completes the sentence.
 - Explain why this is the best match, and how you ruled out the other options. For example, say: **Sometimes you will see the same word on two different cards—one beginning with a capital letter and one beginning with a lowercase letter. Read carefully and think about where we use capital letters and what punctuation marks go with sentences and questions. Do your best on each one!**
 - Click the correct answer.
4. Demo the keyboard shortcuts:
 - Go button = Space bar
 - Possible answers (left to right - start in top row) = Number keys 1 - 4

Magic Bird

Goal/Task: Build spelling and phonics skills by selecting the correct letters to complete the spellings of spoken words.



Demo Magic Bird

Say: **Today, we're going to practice changing one word into another by changing just one or two letters. Together, we'll work on an exercise called Magic Bird. I'll get us started, and then I'd like for you to try.**

1. Project the "Introduction–English or Spanish demo" for Magic Bird.
2. Follow along with the demo, which explains how the exercise works.
 - Explain which letter is the best choice, and how you ruled out the other options.
 - Click the correct answer.
3. Demo the keyboard shortcuts:
 - Go button = Space bar
 - Answers left to right = Number keys 1 - 4

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Speed (Fluency) Round

Say: **When the Go button turns into a timer, the speed round begins. Work on the exercises as before, but faster. You can earn points by getting as many correct as possible in the time allowed.**