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How to use the flash cards:

Print two copies of the flash cards.

1. **Match word to word:** Set out two flashcards that are visually very different. For example, *Mother* and *Ann*. Point to the each flashcard and read the word for you child. Give your child a matching flashcard and ask him/her to match it. Once your child can do match two words successfully, add a third, then a fourth.
2. **Point to a word in a matrix:** Set out two flash cards that are visually different. Ask your child, "Point to the card that says _____" When he/she points to the correct word, say "Yes! This word says _____". If he/she points to the wrong card, point to the first letter of the word and give the sound of the first letter. For example, If you ask for "Mother" and your child points to "Ann", say "Mother begins with *mmmm*. Can you find the card that begins with *mmmmm*?" Once you child can do this successfully with two cards, add a third and then a fourth.
3. **Fast Flash:** Once your child can do the two activities listed above with four cards, begin the Fast Flash. Make a pile 4-5 cards that your child knows. Show the first card to your child and ask him/her to read it. Go through the set **three** times, always mixing the order of the cards. Take note of the cards your child needs extra practice with.