



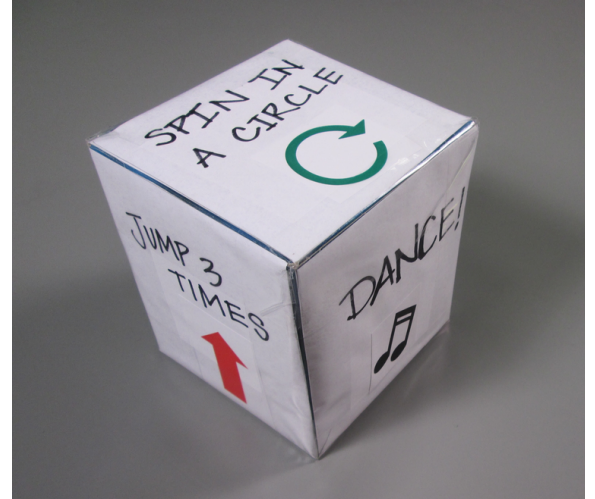
Activity Cube

Episode 8

Introduction

Teaching your child to read is tough when they simply will not sit still! Kids are kinetic learners—they learn not just by seeing or hearing, but by doing.

This activity cube makes use of your child's need to fidget while developing literacy skills. Read on to learn how to make a die of movements and activities for your child to act out, which will teach them to make connections between words, symbols, and actions, all while getting rid of some extra energy!



Supplies

- Paper
- Clear packing tape or scotch tape
- An empty, square tissue box
- Scissors
- Markers
- Glue

Instructions

1. Trace squares onto paper: Use your empty tissue box to trace squares the same size as the sides of the box onto your paper—you'll need six squares total.
2. Write an action on each square: Write an easy, fun action in each square, then add a matching symbol by drawing or printing out clipart. This will help your child match a symbol with the action they're doing. Here are some suggestions:

flap your arms like a bird	jump 3 times
hop on one foot	spin in a circle
zoom like an airplane	dance!

Additional Resources

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3. Cutting and gluing: Cut out the six squares and use the glue to stick them to each side of the empty tissue box.
4. Cover the cube's edges in tape: Put pieces of clear packing tape or scotch tape along each edge of your cube to keep the edges of the paper squares from peeling away while using your activity cube.



Step 1: Trace box onto paper



Step 2: Write an action & picture



Step 4: Tape over edges

How to Use Your Activity Cube

Using your cube is easy; just toss or "roll" the activity cube, then let your child do the action that's facing up when the cube stops rolling. You'll be surprised how quickly they make connections between the pictures on the cube and the action that goes with it—and how quickly they fall asleep at naptime!

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