Activity

Make a Tic-Tac-Toe game board and put it between the two players. Shuffle the flash cards and put them in a **face-down stack** next to the board. Decide which player will use the *X* markers and which will use the *O* markers. Flip a coin to decide who will go first.

Player A draws a card from the stack and reads the word out loud. If he can't read the word correctly within a few seconds, review and reinforce the correct word.

Once he has correctly read the word, he can put a marker on one of the squares of the game board. Then it is **Player B**'s turn. If you (the adult) are Player B, ask the child to "help" you read the word on the card you draw.

Keep taking turns until one person makes a row of three markers on the board — vertically, horizontally, or diagonally — or until all the squares are filled with no one getting three in a row.

As the child gets the hang of the game and knows the words better, challenge him to read the words faster and faster, until he can correctly read each word in one second or less.

• Use pencil and paper for the game board