Parking Lot

Skills you can practice with this game:

• Letter names (“Park on the B.”)
• Letter sounds (“Park on the letter that makes the sound you hear at the beginning of the word ‘ball.’”)
• High frequency words (“Park on the word ‘from.’”)

You Will Need:

➢ A Parking Lot game board (Included at the end of these directions.)
➢ A list of several letters or words that your child is learning
➢ A set of cards to print the letters or words on
➢ A toy car that will fit in the parking spaces

This game can be played with multiple children or one-on-one.

Preparation:

Fill in each parking lot space with a letter or word that your child needs to practice. Be sure that when the paper is placed in front of your child all the letters or words will be right side up.

If multiple children are playing the game, parking lots can be made with the letters or words located in different spaces on the game board.

Activity:

• Provide your child with a parking lot and a toy car.
• Direct your child to park their car in different spaces marked by a letter or word you call out.
  o For example: “Park your car in the T space”.
• If your child can’t find the letter or word, assist him by showing the card and naming it again.
• To further practice, you may wish to ask your child, “What space is your car in?” once he or she “parks” the car.

Suggestions:

• For extra practice with printing, the child can make his or her own parking lot by filling in letters or words on the board. The child should use the letters or words on the cards as models to copy from. When more than one child is playing, the children should be encouraged to make individual choices about placement of each letter or word so that each child’s parking lot will be different.

• Blank Parking Lot game boards can also be laminated, and can be used with dry-erase markers. A model of a Parking Lot game board that has been filled in is shown on the next page.
Parking Lot Board Game – Example with High Frequency Words

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PARKING LOT Game Board – Blank