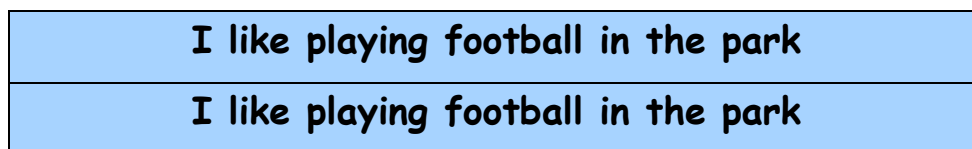


Language Experience

Try Language Experience with younger readers. This works well because children use their own words to create reading cards. When the words are familiar the child finds the reading process much easier to manage.

- Ask the child to talk about something they enjoy and copy out the sentence onto two strips of card. Make sure you use the child's own words, e.g.



- Read the complete sentence back to the child, pointing at each word.
- Then encourage them to read along with you and finally ask them to read it alone.
- Cut one of the strips into single words, the child can match these to the reference strip.
- The child will soon be confident to try without looking at the reference strip.
- Ask the child to point to their cards and read them.
- You can use them as flash cards to practice recognition of the individual words.
- Add new words when the child is ready and build up a collection for them to keep!