

How to Beat the Summer Slide

Have you heard of the “summer slide”? Unfortunately, it’s not the fun kind of slide you’ll find at a water park or playground. This slide is different. It’s a slide that no mom wants her child to ride.

What Is the Summer Slide?



The summer slide is a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn’t in session.

Numerous studies show that kids who don’t read during summer vacation actually slip in reading ability by the time autumn rolls around.

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Have your child read for at least **20 minutes** every day.

Spend time **cooking** together.



Explore different kinds of **reading material** like picture books, chapter books, and magazines.

Make use of your **local library**.



Listen to **audio books** on summer car trips.

Read aloud with your children daily.



Review skills with fun, hands-on review activities.

Engage in **meaningful conversation** and help build your child's vocabulary.



Enjoy a **new hobby!**

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Learn more about these great ideas at
<http://blog.AllAboutLearningPress.com/summer-slide>



Beat the Summer Slide with These Helpful Resources!

Want to keep your child's reading and spelling skills sharp over the summer? Check out the blog posts, free downloads, and review materials below and say goodbye to the summer slide forever.

Reading Resources

- Get kids interested in reading—thanks to [magazines!](#)
- Take our [Library Lists](#) to the library. ([Picture Books](#) | [Chapter Books](#))
- Read some great books! ([Picture Books](#) | [Chapter Books](#))
- Let us help as you [motivate your kids to read](#).
- Check out [6 great reasons to read aloud to your kids](#).
- Create a bit of extra motivation with a [cozy reading nook](#).

Skills Review for Reading and Spelling

- Build language skills with fun games like [Boggle](#), [Headbanz](#), [Apples to Apples Junior](#), and [more!](#)
- Enjoy a big bundle of [summer-themed stories and activities](#) from [All About Reading](#) Levels 1-4.
- Explore more reading review activities from [All About Reading](#) Levels 1-4 with our [Reading Activity Bundle](#).
- “Eat” some [Banana Splits](#): a game with compound words.
- Have fun with [Word Flippers](#) while practicing reading and spelling skills.

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- Try some of these great ways to review [reading word cards](#) and [spelling word cards](#).
- Practice reading and spelling words with our [Drag Race Review Game](#).
- Check out this [treasure trove of pirate-themed reading and spelling activities](#). Arrrrr!
- Try these [19 Activities for Kinesthetic Learning](#) for learning that sticks!

Vocabulary-Building Resources

- Match up the [Baby Animal Names](#) with this matching activity.
- Reinforce spelling and vocabulary skills using [Word Trees](#).
- [Build your child's vocabulary](#) with these awesome ideas.
- [Play with portmanteaus](#) and build your child's vocabulary all at the same time!

Additional Resources

- Review the alphabet and make some great snacks with our [ABC Snacks Cookbooks](#).
- Check out [Learning Ally](#)'s library of audio books for children with special needs.
- Practice letter recognition with [this series of hands-on activities](#).
- Explore the alphabet with this series of easy-to-assemble letter crafts. ([Uppercase Letters](#) | [Lowercase Letters](#))