

TRYOUT DAY

A 5-minute reading check-up. It shows which Run It Home Words™ deck to start with. | [Grown-up page](#)



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How to do it

1. Sit next to your child. They read from page 2. You mark this page.
2. Point to one word at a time.
3. If they read it right away (in about 3 seconds), put a ✓ in the box.
4. If not, leave the box blank. Say the word for them and move on.
5. When a deck has 3 or more blank boxes, stop. You're done!

1. T-BALL DECK

Checks: ____ / 8

the	☐	I	☐	see	☐	you	☐
said	☐	was	☐	bat	☐	hit	☐

2. ROOKIE DECK

Checks: ____ / 8

baseball	☐	play	☐	crab	☐	frog	☐
drum	☐	kite	☐	duck	☐	cloud	☐

3. MINORS DECK

Checks: ____ / 8

fastball	☐	ballpark	☐	hotdog	☐	running	☐
smiled	☐	sunny	☐	unhappy	☐	quickly	☐

4. MAJORS DECK

Checks: ____ / 8

championship	☐	spectator	☐	superstar	☐	autograph	☐
midnight	☐	forecast	☐	famous	☐	telescope	☐

Which deck to start with

Start with the first deck that has 3 or more blank boxes.

No deck has 3 blanks? Start with the **Majors** deck.

Our starting deck: _____

What to practice

1. Pick 3 words they missed.
2. Practice them a few times a day. Say the word, then have them read it.
3. When they can read a word right away 3 days in a row, swap in a new one.

All these words come from the Run It Home Words™ cards. Get the decks at [hometeamsmarts.com](https://www.hometeamsmarts.com)

Why this works: Ontario's 2023 Language curriculum expects Grade 1 readers to be "recognizing high-frequency words effortlessly" (Language Foundations Continuum, B2.8). The 3-second check and practicing missed words a few at a time are adapted from the U.S. Department of Education's guide *Foundational Skills to Support Reading for Understanding in K-3* (2016), Recommendation 3, Examples 3.9 and 3.10. A home check-up, not a diagnosis. Every child moves at their own pace.

READ LIKE A PRO!

Player page · Read each word to your grown-up. Tip: cover the other rows with paper. Ready? Play ball!



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Great swinging! Every word you try makes you stronger.

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