Reading sensory bins

You will need:

- a tray or a bowl
- dry food (e.g. dry pasta, dry rice, dry beans, dry lentils etc.) or sand or flour or salt



Activity 1:

Find familiar objects and toys and put them in the tray. Ask your child to find a requested item at a time (e.g. 'find a sock', 'find a pen' etc.). Let your child explore the items and play with the sensory tray.

Activity 2:

Use the pictures from the document 'read CVC words and match to pictures'. If you don't have a printer, you can draw some pictures on paper. Put them in the sensory tray. Ask your child to find a requested picture at a time (e.g. 'find the cat', 'find the pen' etc.). Let your child explore and play with the sensory tray.

Activity 3:

Use the CVC words from the document 'read CVC words and match to pictures' or use the 'tricky words flashcards'. If you don't have a printer, you can write them on paper. Put them in the sensory tray. Ask your child to find a requested word at a time (e.g. 'find the word cat', 'find the word to' etc.). Let your child explore and play with the sensory tray.

Alternative play ideas:

If your child is learning to read their name or their family members' names you can write the names on paper and ask your child to find them and read them. If your child is learning to identify photos of themselves or photos of their family members, you can put photos in the tray and ask your child to identify a photo at time.