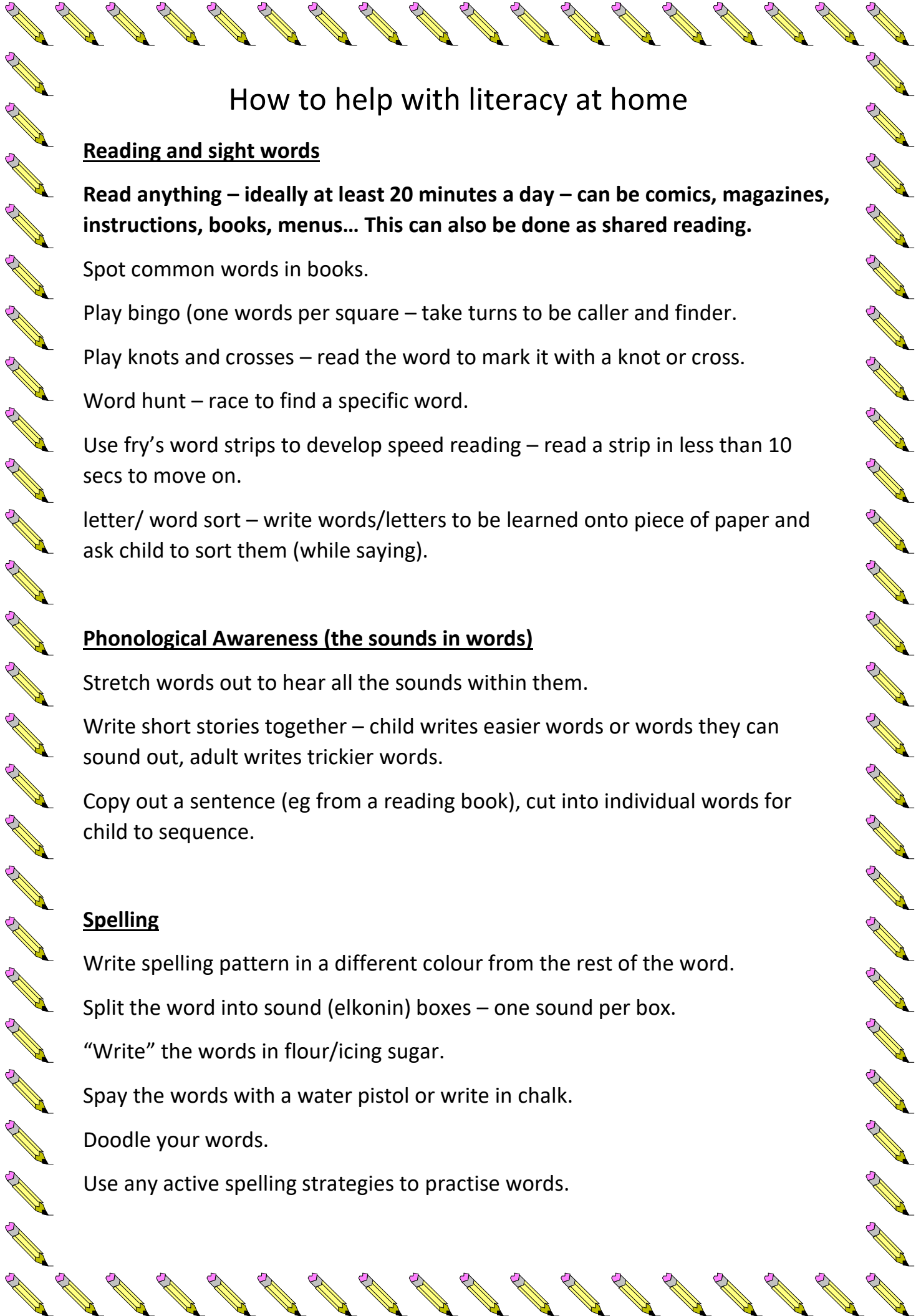




How to help with literacy at home

Reading and sight words

Read anything – ideally at least 20 minutes a day – can be comics, magazines, instructions, books, menus... This can also be done as shared reading.

Spot common words in books.

Play bingo (one words per square – take turns to be caller and finder.

Play knots and crosses – read the word to mark it with a knot or cross.

Word hunt – race to find a specific word.

Use fry's word strips to develop speed reading – read a strip in less than 10 secs to move on.

letter/ word sort – write words/letters to be learned onto piece of paper and ask child to sort them (while saying).

Phonological Awareness (the sounds in words)

Stretch words out to hear all the sounds within them.

Write short stories together – child writes easier words or words they can sound out, adult writes trickier words.

Copy out a sentence (eg from a reading book), cut into individual words for child to sequence.

Spelling

Write spelling pattern in a different colour from the rest of the word.

Split the word into sound (elkonin) boxes – one sound per box.

“Write” the words in flour/icing sugar.

Spay the words with a water pistol or write in chalk.

Doodle your words.

Use any active spelling strategies to practise words.

