



Any chapter
book counts!

You choose.
You read.
You win.

★ A Note for Grown-Ups

Take the Shot was created to help kids experience the joy and confidence that comes from reading chapter books at their own pace.

There is no required reading level, no deadline, and no expectation that every child completes all 10 challenges.

Your child can choose any chapter book that interests them. They can read independently, read aloud, take turns reading, or have someone read to them while they follow along. It all counts.

Because sometimes finding a love for reading begins with finding the right book.



How It Works

1



Let your child choose a chapter book.
Choice matters!

2



Pick a challenge.
The 10 basketballs each have a different reading challenge. They don't have to be completed in order.

3



Complete it their way.
Read independently, read aloud, take turns reading, or have someone read to them while they follow along. It all counts.

4



Color the basketball.
When a challenge is complete, your child gets to color that basketball.

5



Cut it out and add it to the court.
Tape or glue it to the matching numbered spot.

6



Celebrate the progress!
Watch their progress build as they make their way down the court.



The Most Important Part

Please don't turn this into a race.

- ★ A child who completes three challenges has taken three shots.
- ★ A child who completes seven has taken seven.
- ★ A child who needs help reading has still read.
- ★ A child who doesn't finish the book has still accomplished something.

Every shot counts.

When They're Ready...

Celebrate them with the "I Took the Shot!" certificate included in this kit. You decide together when they've earned it.

It doesn't have to mean completing all 10 challenges.



THE GOAL ISN'T TO READ FASTER THAN SOMEONE ELSE. THE GOAL IS TO KEEP TAKING THE NEXT SHOT.



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*Designed for Readers.
Made for Everyone.*



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TAKE THE SHOT

Reading Challenge

CHALLENGE GUIDE

Shots 1-5

Use these 10 basketballs to complete the challenges. Color each one when you finish, then cut it out and add it to your court!

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1 OPEN THE BOOK

Let your reader choose a chapter book that interests them. Start with the first page. If it's going well, encourage them to keep going and aim for about 10 minutes. If they stop sooner, that's okay.

The first win is opening the book and starting to read.



2 ONE MORE CHAPTER

When your reader finishes a chapter, celebrate it! Then encourage them to keep going and aim for one more chapter. If they only make it one more page, that's okay too.

They chose to keep reading, and that's the win.



3 SHARE THE STORY

Let your reader choose a favorite part of the story and share it in whatever way feels comfortable. They can tell someone about it, write or journal about it, or draw what they imagined while reading.

There is no right way to share.

The goal is simply to connect with a part of the story that stood out to them.



4 SWITCH IT UP

Encourage your reader to take their book somewhere they don't normally read. They might read outside, build a blanket fort, curl up somewhere cozy, bring their book in the car, or find a completely new spot of their own.

The goal is to make reading feel a little different and a little more fun.



5 READ TOGETHER

Reading doesn't always have to happen alone. Your reader can read aloud to someone, take turns reading pages with someone, or have someone read to them while they follow along with the words on the page.

However they choose to read together, the goal is to enjoy the story and keep reading.

EVERY SHOT COUNTS.



These are goals, not pass-or-fail requirements. Taking the shot is progress worth celebrating.



TAKE THE SHOT

Reading Challenge

CHALLENGE GUIDE

Shots 6-10

Use these 10 basketballs to complete the challenges.

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6 MAKE A PREDICTION

Have your reader pause somewhere in the story and predict what they think will happen next. They can say it, write it down, or draw their prediction. After they read far enough to find out what happens, come back to it. Were they right? Were they close? Did the story completely surprise them?

*There are no wrong predictions.
The fun is making a guess and then reading to find out!*

7 WORD HUNT

Send your reader on a word hunt! Have them search their book for a word that fits a category they choose. Can they find a funny word? A scary word? An exciting word? A strange word? A word that just sounds cool?

Let your reader decide what they're hunting for, then see what they can find.

8 CHOOSE READING

Let your reader know about this challenge, and then leave the rest up to them. Their challenge is to choose a time to pick up their book and read without being reminded. It might be for two minutes or twenty.

How long they read isn't what matters. The win is choosing to read on their own.

9 BEAT YOUR BEST

Let your reader set their own reading goal. Maybe they want to read for one minute longer than last time, read one more page, or make it a little farther into their chapter. Their goal should feel like a challenge they want to try. The goal isn't to beat anyone else. It's simply to see if they can go a little farther than they did before.

*And if they don't beat their best this time?
They still took the shot.*

10 TAKE YOUR SHOT!

Now it's your reader's turn to create the challenge! Let them decide what they want their final reading shot to be. Maybe they want to finish a chapter, read somewhere completely new, read to someone, try a different kind of book, or come up with an idea all their own.

There are no rules for this one. Let your reader choose a challenge that feels just right for them, then take their shot!



NOW IT'S THEIR TURN TO TAKE THE SHOT!

Color it. Cut it out. Add it to the court.



TAKE THE SHOT

Reading Challenge

CHALLENGE BASKETBALLS

Shots 1-5

Color it • Cut it out • Add it to your court!

1 OPEN THE BOOK

Start reading!
Can you make it
to 10 minutes?

2 ONE MORE CHAPTER

Keep going!
Can you read
one more chapter?

3 SHARE THE STORY

Pick your favorite part!
Tell it. Write it.
Draw it.

4 SWITCH IT UP

Find a new
reading spot!
Where will
you read?

5 READ TOGETHER

Grab a reading buddy!
Read. Take turns.
Follow along.

★ DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE THE SHOT! ★



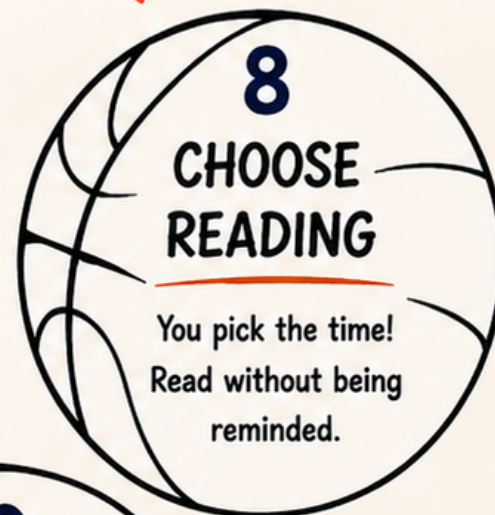
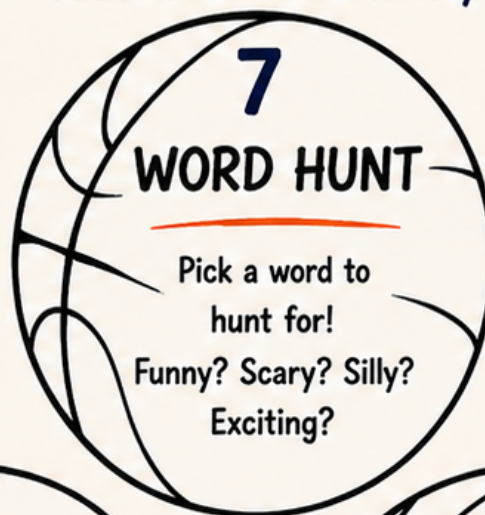
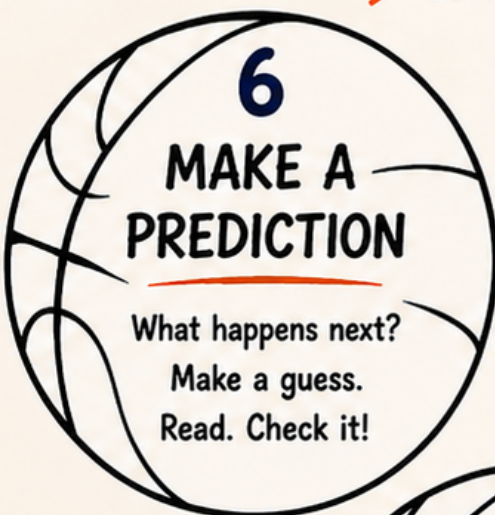
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★ WARM-UP ZONE ★

Place Shots 1-3 Here



TAKE THE SHOT

My Reading Progress Court

THIS COURT BELONGS TO:

★ GAME TIME ZONE ★

Place Shots 4-7 Here

An outdoor basketball court at night. The court is made of polished wood and has white lines. A basketball hoop and backboard are on the right. A chain-link fence surrounds the court, with string lights hanging above it. Two wooden benches are on the left and right sides. In the background, a city skyline with lit-up skyscrapers is visible under a starry night sky.

★ ALL-STAR ZONE ★

Place Shots 8-10 Here

EVERY SHOT COUNTS,
NO MATTER WHERE YOU FINISH.

★ KEEP **READING**. KEEP **TRYING**.
KEEP **TAKING YOUR SHOT**. ★

I TOOK THE SHOT!

Reading Challenge

★ CERTIFICATE ★

This certificate is proudly awarded to:

for taking the *Take the Shot* Reading Challenge!

You showed up. You opened your book. You kept trying.
You took the shot, and that matters.

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Date: _____ Reading Teammate: _____

