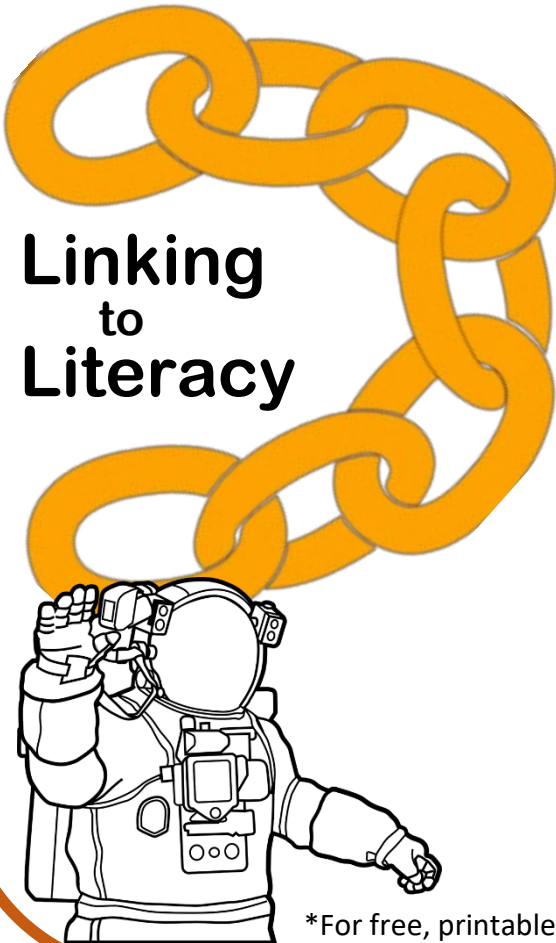


Simple activities designed to help parents and/or caregivers participate in, and support, a child's literacy skills and educational goals:

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- **Easiest: Long vowels** “say their own name.” The words **space** and **vacation** have the **long Aa sound**. As you read the story together, listen for other words with the **long Aa sound**.
- **More Difficult:** Two **long vowel** patterns are **VCV** and **CVVC**. The **first vowel is long**, the second one silent (most of the time). Make a list of words with the long vowel patterns **VCV** and **CVVC**.
- **Challenging:** Before you read the story, discuss the meanings of these words: **fastener, headset, space shuttle, airlock, hatch, and galley**. If you aren't sure what they mean, do a bit of **research online**, in a **dictionary**, or in an **encyclopedia**.

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