

## Extending the Literacy

The major literacy concepts your child is being introduced to while playing Cover Up are letter identification, letter sounds, and.....

To extend the learning of literacy found in games like Cover Up you can do the following:

- Change the pictures on your game boards to include the name with the picture. For example, if there is a picture of a pig, the word “pig” would also be in that square with the picture.
- To offer more of a challenge for older children, you can make game boards to contain text only without pictures. Fill the game board with your child’s spelling words or names of family members and before they can cover a square they have to read it aloud.
- Change the objects you use to cover up the squares. Use Scrabble tiles and ask your child, *“What letter are you going to use to cover your square?”*
- Describe the pictures being covered and their location on the game board. Use names of shapes, and describe the relative positions of these objects using terms such as *above, below, beside, in front of, behind, and next to.*