

POSTER WORDS

MATERIALS

large piece of paper,
poster board, or oak tag
(at least 11" x 14")
coloring materials like
colored markers, crayons,
colored pencils, or
watercolor paints
stick-on stars and sparkles

There are posters for TV stars and posters for movie stars—why not posters for word stars? A word star is easy to define. If a word is especially interesting to your child, it's a star. The kinds of words appropriate for GIFT WORDS are appropriate here as well. Sports words like *hockey*, *basketball*, or *bowling*. Flower words like *rose*, *tulip*, or *iris*. Food words: *popcorn*, *ice cream*, or *grapes*. Or monster words: *witch*, *werewolf*, *mummy*, or *ghost*. Whatever the word, write it on a piece of paper, oak tag, or poster board that is at least 11" x 14". The paper can be larger—14" x 17", 18" x 22", 30" x 40". The bigger the paper, the more impressive the poster. The letters should be the open type that are usually perfected by seventh-graders:

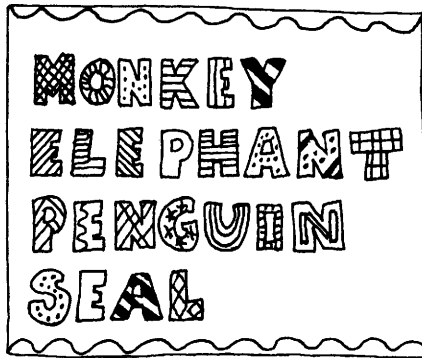
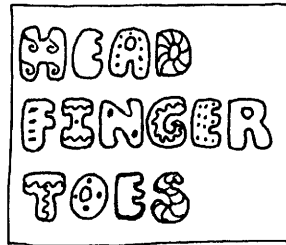
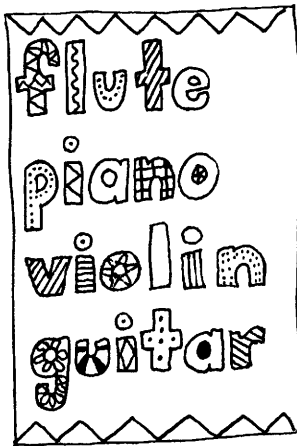
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Now the fun starts. You and your child collect a pile of coloring materials—paints, crayons, stars, and sparkles—and go to town. Make the word light up Broadway.



Hang this poster in a place of honor.

When your child gets bored with one poster, create another. You might make multiword posters: for instance, a zoo animal poster, a musical instrument poster, a body word poster.



An entire wall covered with word posters would certainly be a conversation starter.