Phonics Centers Pack

Lesson 49: The Stout Cow (-ow -out -oud)

Print on card stock and laminate. Cut along the dashed lines.
Every activity uses this lesson's words.

In this pack:

Word Family Houses

Sort the word cards into the house with the matching ending.

Clip the Word

Look at the picture. Clip a clothespin on the word that matches. Flip the card or use the answer key to check.

Roll and Read

Roll a die. Read a word in that column. Cover it with a counter. Take turns and see who covers the most words.

Word and Picture Puzzles

Match each picture piece to its word piece. The cut edges only fit the right pair.

Spin and Cover

Spin the spinner (paper clip and pencil). Read the word and cover it on your board. First to cover every word wins.

Real or Silly Words

Read each card. If it is a real word, put it in the Real pile. If it is a made-up word, put it in the Silly pile.

Phonics Four in a Row

Take turns. Read a word and cover it with your color of counter. Get four counters in a row to win.

Phonics Dominoes

Lay the dominoes in a loop. A picture must touch its word. The last domino goes back to the first.

Change One Sound

Start with the first word. Change the first sound to the letter in the circle and read the new word. Write each new word on the recording mat.

Sound Box Challenge

Say the picture word slowly. Write one sound in each box, then write the whole word on the line.

Read, Build, Write

Read the word. Build it with the letter tiles. Write it on the line. Cut out the tiles on the second page.

Roll, Build, Write

Roll the die and find the picture with that number. Build the word with letter tiles and write it on the sheet.

Word Hunt

Hide the word cards around the room. Hunt for a card, read it, and place it under the matching picture on the mat.

Word Family Wheels

Cut out the cover and the wheel. Fasten the centers together with a brass fastener. Turn the wheel to read each word.

Phonics Memory Match

Lay all the cards face down. Turn over two cards. If a picture matches its word, keep the pair.

Phonics Tic-Tac-Toe

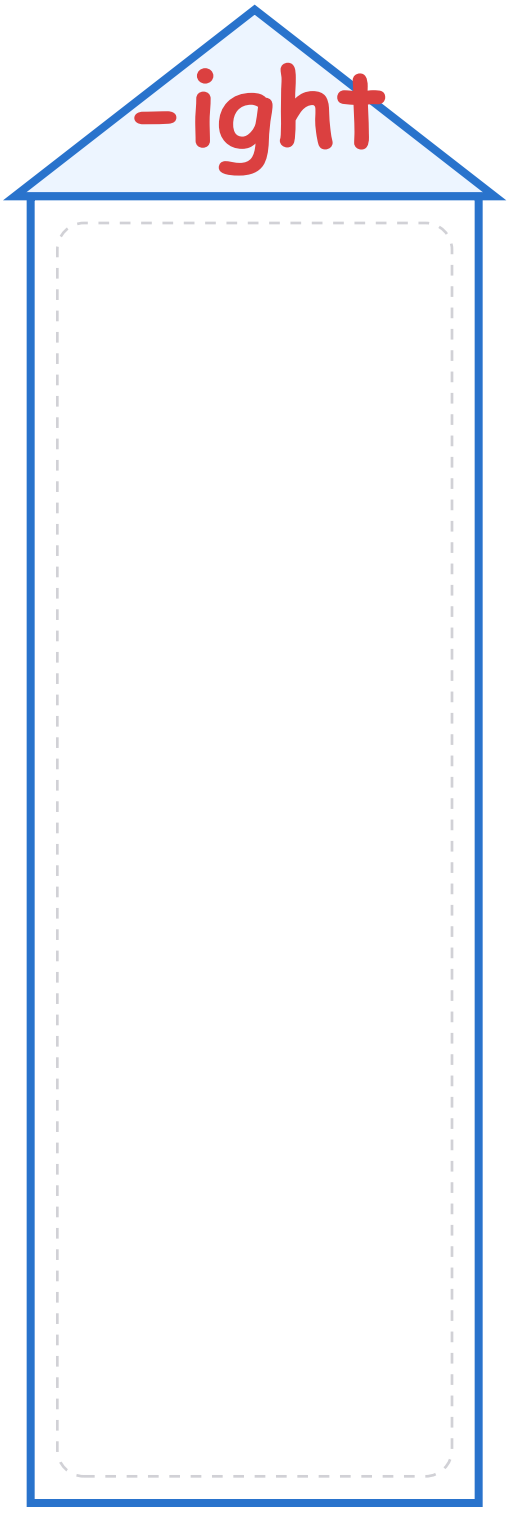
Two players. Read a word before you put your X or O on it. Three in a row wins.

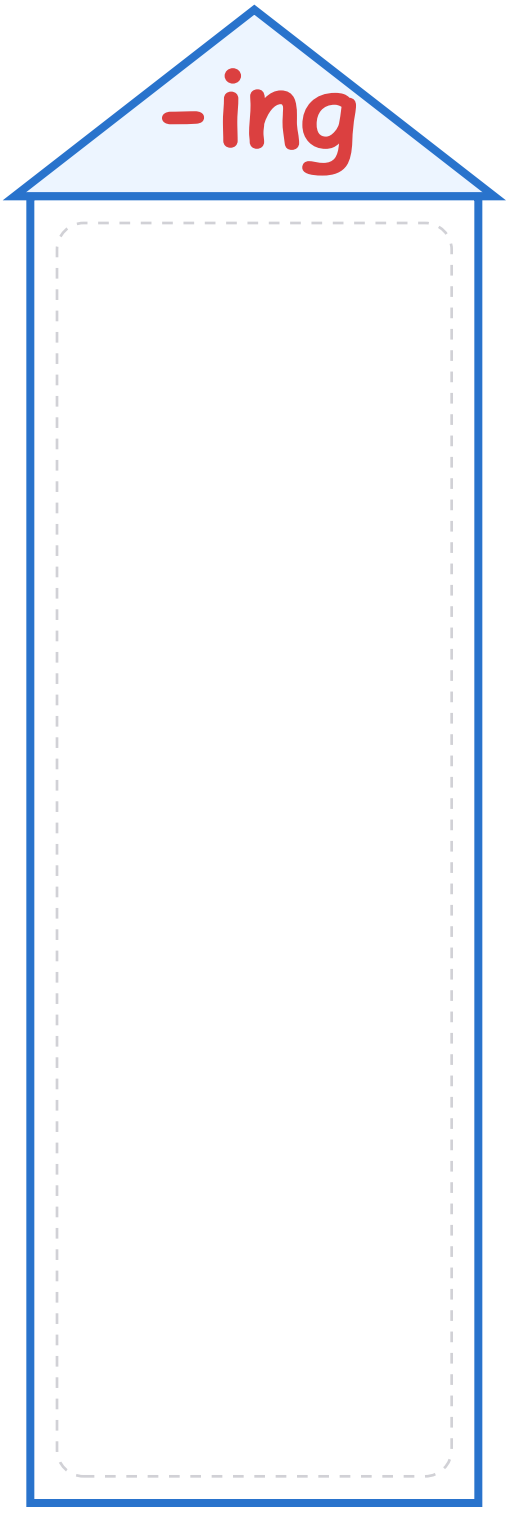
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Word Family Houses: Sorting Mat

Read each word card. Put it in the house where it lives. Cut out the cards on the next page.





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Word Family Houses: Word Cards

Cut out the cards. Sort them onto the houses by their ending.



night



light



king



ring



sing



wing

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Clip the Word

Cut out the cards. Look at the picture. Clip a clothespin on the word that matches it.



cow

cloud

now



pout

out

cloud



cloud

about

clown



how

house

crown



mouse

owl

house



owl

crown

stout



how

crown

owl



clown

cloud

crown

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Clip the Word: Answer Key

The correct word for each picture.



cow



pout



cloud



house



mouse



owl



crown



clown

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Roll and Read

Roll a die. Read any word in that column and cover it with a counter. Take turns.



how	cloud	now	about	crown	cow
pout	mouse	out	stout	house	owl
clown	cow	mouse	stout	about	out
how	owl	pout	crown	clown	now
cloud	house	stout	about	out	house
owl	crown	how	now	cow	clown

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Word and Picture Puzzles

Cut each card along the zigzag line. Mix the pieces. Match every picture to its word.



cow



pout



cloud



house



mouse



owl



crown

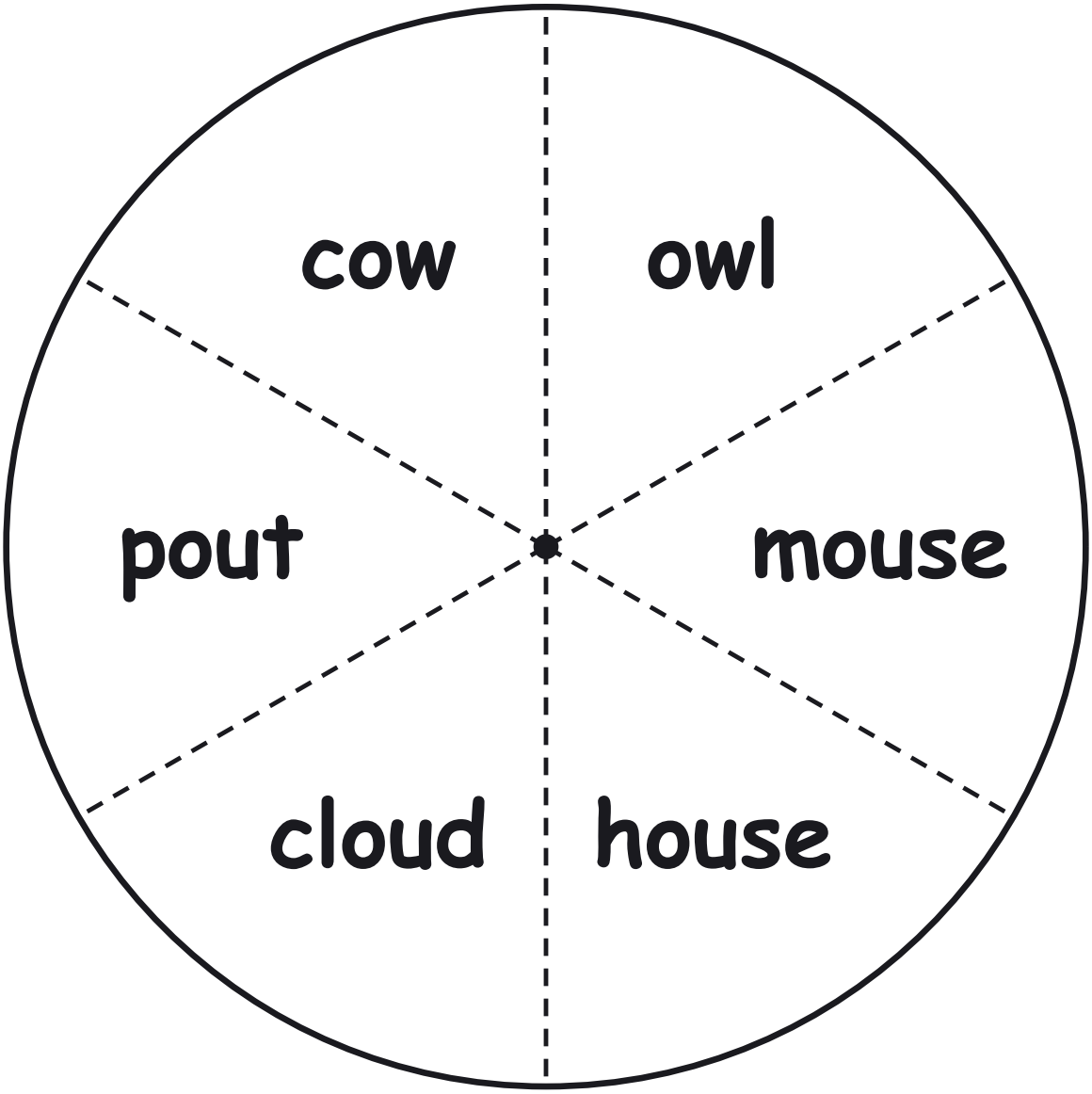


clown

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Spin and Cover: Spinner

Hold a pencil in the center with a paper clip around it and spin the clip.



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Spin and Cover: Game Boards

Each player takes a board. Spin, read the word, cover it with a counter.

cloud	house	mouse	cow
pout	owl	cow	owl
pout	mouse	house	cloud

pout	cloud	cow	mouse
house	owl	mouse	house
pout	cloud	cow	owl

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Each player takes a board. Spin, read the word, cover it with a counter.

owl	pout	cloud	house
cow	mouse	house	mouse
pout	cow	owl	cloud

pout	cow	mouse	owl
cloud	house	pout	cow
mouse	house	owl	cloud

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Real or Silly Words: Sorting Mat

Sound out each card. Real words go on the left. Silly (made-up) words go on the right.



Real word



Silly word

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Real or Silly Words: Word Cards

Cut out the cards. Mix them up. A teacher key is at the bottom of this page.

zout	about	pout
how	cloud	stout
zow	yout	cow
vout	yow	voud
now	zoud	

Teacher key Real: cow, pout, cloud, now, how, about, stout
Silly: zow, zout, zoud, yow, vout, voud, yout

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Phonics Four in a Row

Two players, two colors of counters. Read a word, cover it, and make four in a row (across, down or corner to corner).

out	crown	mouse	stout	pout
owl	how	about	clown	cloud
house	now	cow	stout	crown
out	clown	cloud	now	how
cow	house	about	mouse	pout

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Phonics Four in a Row

Two players, two colors of counters. Read a word, cover it, and make four in a row (across, down or corner to corner).

now	cloud	clown	stout	out
crown	house	about	owl	how
cow	mouse	pout	about	cloud
crown	mouse	owl	pout	cow
now	out	clown	stout	how

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Phonics Dominoes

Cut out the dominoes. Mix them up. Join picture to word until the loop is complete.

	pout
	cloud
	house
	mouse
	owl
	crown
	clown
	cow

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Change One Sound: Word Chains

Cut out the strips. Read the first word. Change the first sound to the letter in each circle. Read the new word aloud.

cow → n → h

now → h → c

how → c → n

pout → ab → st

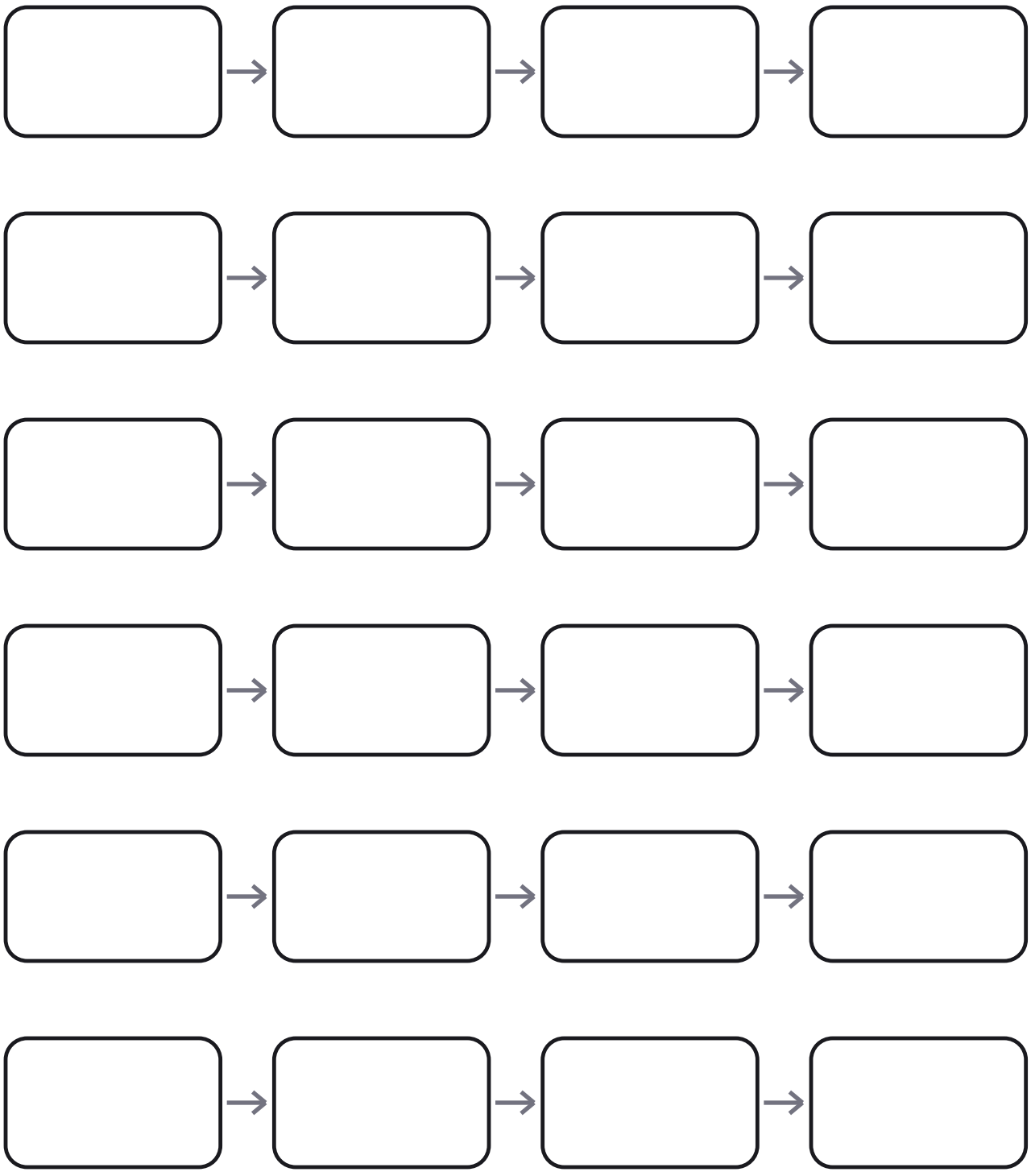
about → st → p

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Change One Sound: Recording Mat

Write the first word, then change one sound each time and write the new word.

Name: _____



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Sound Box Challenge

Say the word slowly. Write one sound in each box. Then write the whole word on the line.

Name: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____

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Sound Box Challenge

Say the word slowly. Write one sound in each box. Then write the whole word on the line.

Name: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____

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Sound Box Challenge: Answer Key

One box for each sound. A magic e shares a box with its consonant.



c | ow



p | ou | t



c | l | ou | d



h | ou | se



m | ou | se



ow | l



c | r | ow | n



c | l | ow | n

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Read, Build, Write

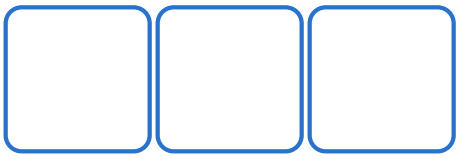
Read the word in the first box. Build it with letter tiles. Write it on the line.

Name: _____

Read

cow

Build

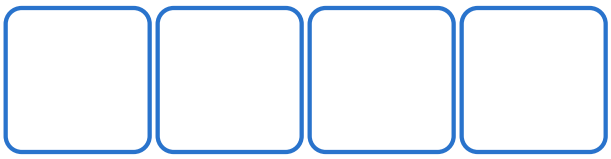


Write _____

Read

pout

Build

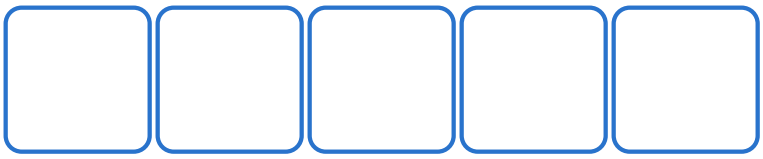


Write _____

Read

cloud

Build

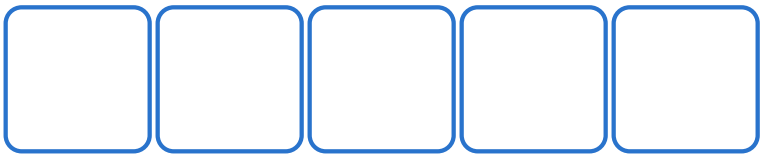


Write _____

Read

house

Build

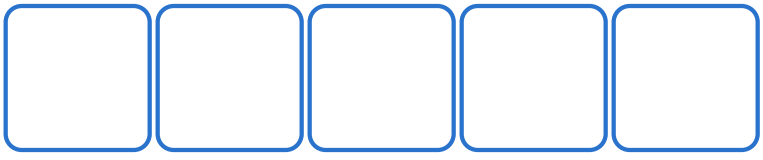


Write _____

Read

mouse

Build



Write _____

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Read, Build, Write: Letter Tiles

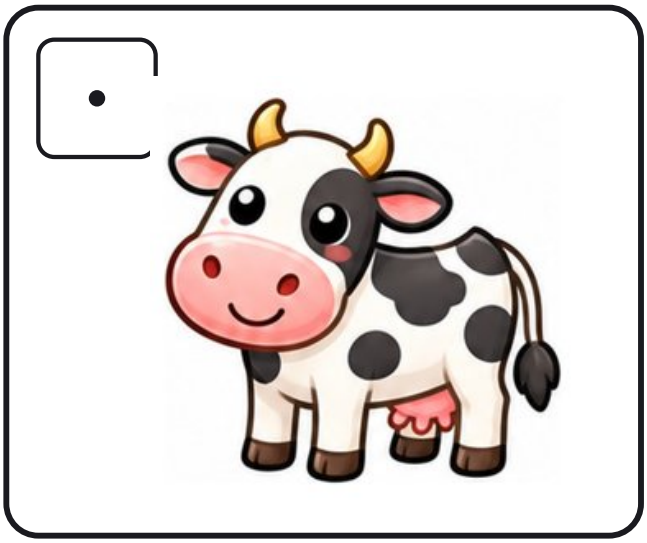
Cut out the tiles. Vowels are red.

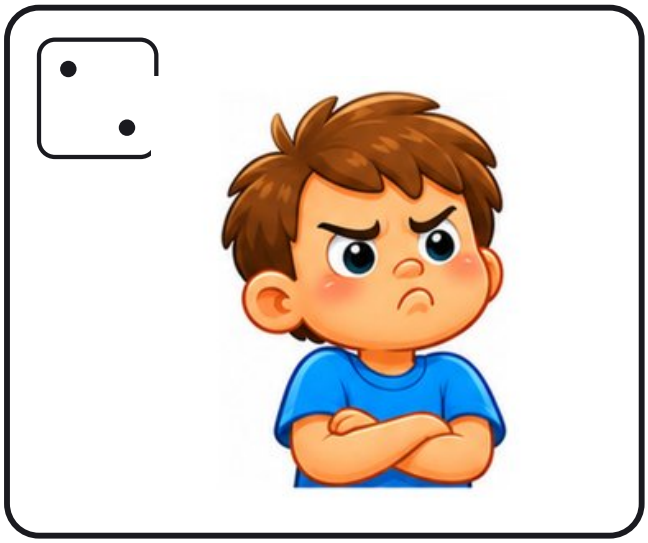
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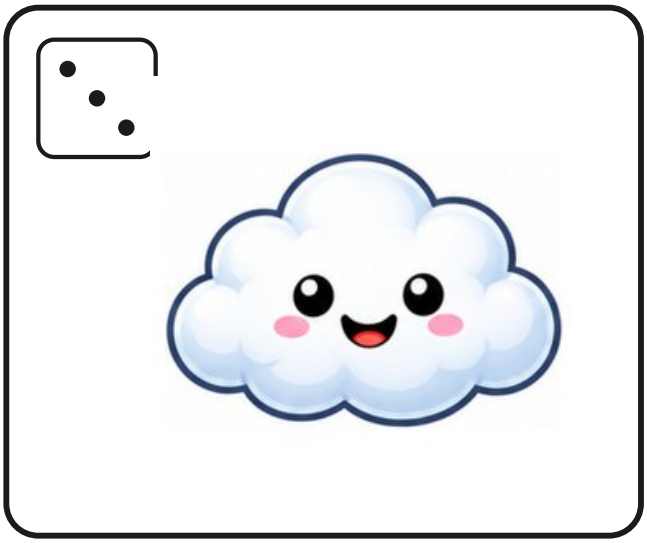
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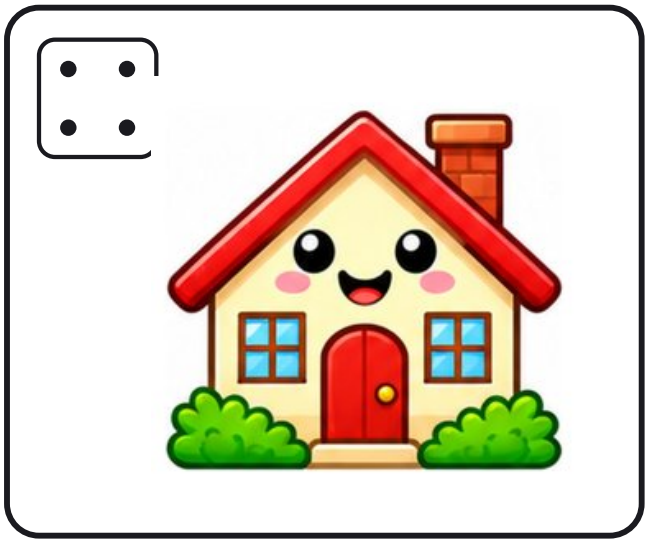
Roll, Build, Write: Dice Board

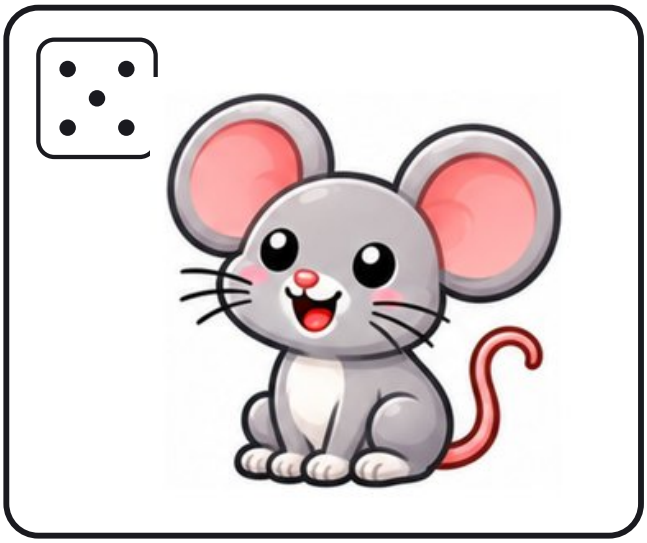
Roll the die. Find the picture with that number of dots. Build the word with letter tiles.

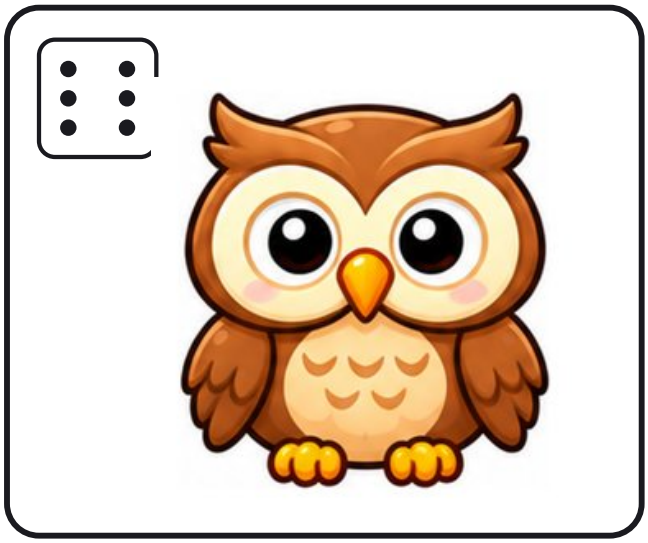












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Roll, Build, Write: Writing Sheet

Write the word you built each time you roll.

Name: _____

1. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
2. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
3. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
4. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
5. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
6. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
7. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
8. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
9. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
10. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____

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Word Hunt: Word Cards

Cut out the cards. Hide them around the room. Children hunt, read, and take the cards to the mat.

cow	pout	cloud
house	mouse	owl
crown	clown	

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Word Hunt: Matching Mat

Place each word card (or write the word) under its picture.

Name: _____













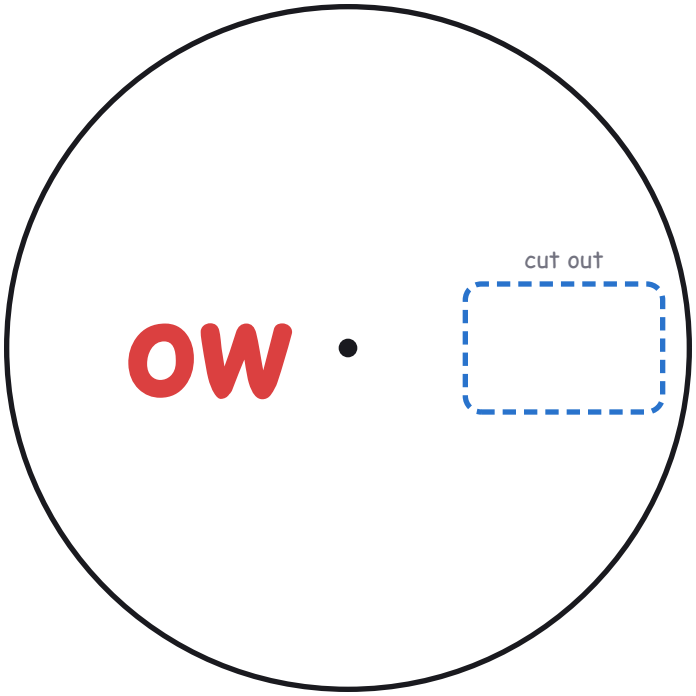


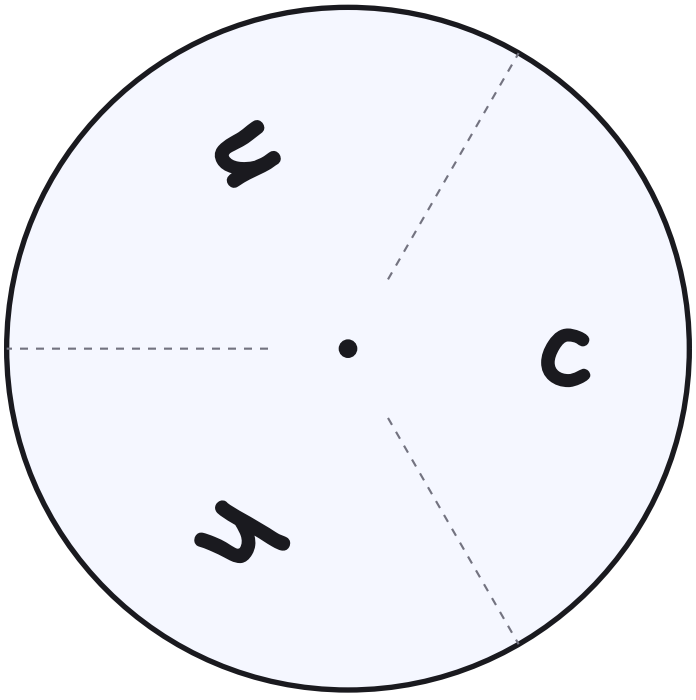


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Word Family Wheel: -ow

Cut out both circles. Cut out the window in the cover. Push a brass fastener through the two center dots.
Turn the bottom wheel. Read each word through the window.

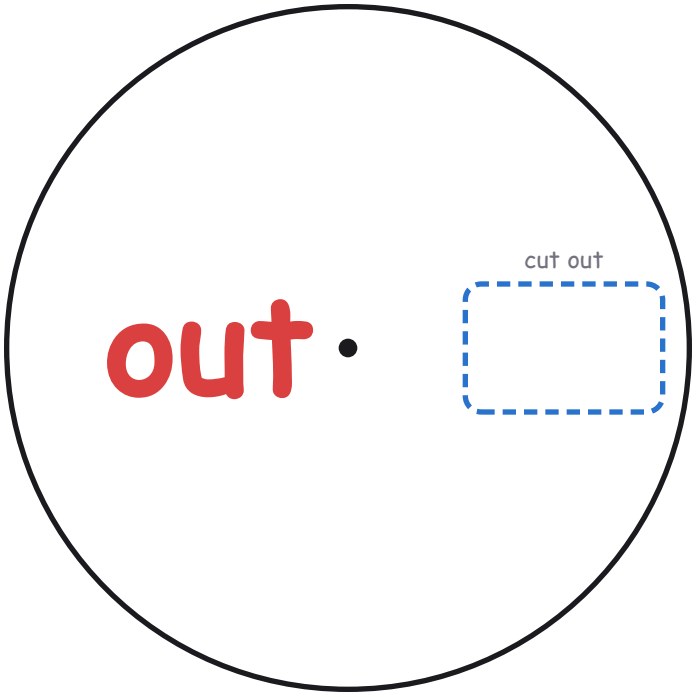


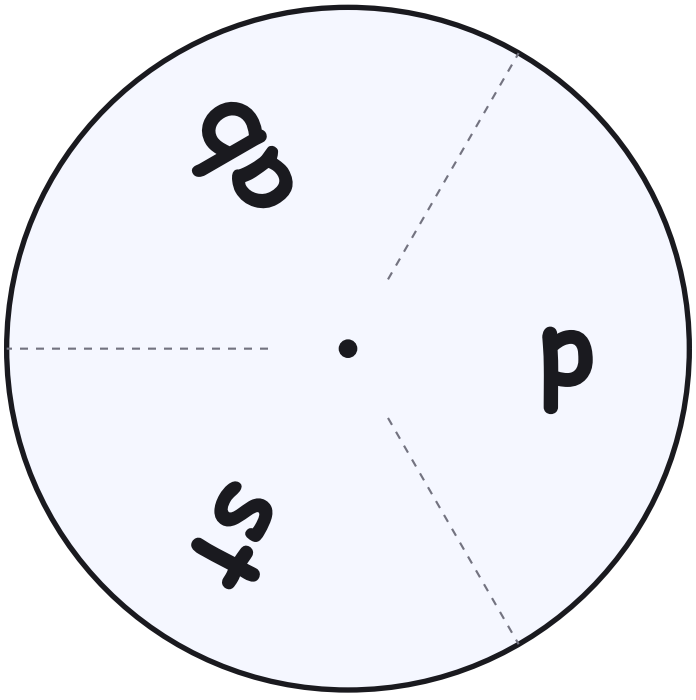


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Word Family Wheel: -out

Cut out both circles. Cut out the window in the cover. Push a brass fastener through the two center dots.
Turn the bottom wheel. Read each word through the window.





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Phonics Memory Match

Cut out the cards. Mix them up and lay them face down. Turn over two. A picture and its word make a match.

















cow	pout	cloud	house
mouse	owl	crown	clown

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Phonics Tic-Tac-Toe

Read the word before you mark it. One player is X, one is O. Three in a row wins.

clown	out	stout
cow	crown	house
how	mouse	about

cloud	about	mouse
now	owl	how
crown	cow	stout

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