

Word Families

Mystery Word

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	rag
	wag
	sag
	bag

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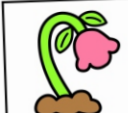
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What is the mystery word? Write it and draw a picture.

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a	g	b	t

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Introduction

This CVC Mystery Word set gives children meaningful practice building short vowel words through a fun mystery solving routine. Each mat includes four picture words from the same word family and one empty box. After building the four picture words, children use the leftover letters to discover the mystery word.

Ideal for literacy centers, small group instruction, morning work, and hands on phonics review.

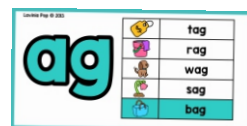
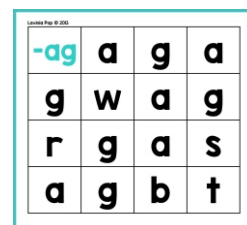
A set of magnetic or scrabble letter tiles is required for this activity.

What's Included

- Mystery Word mats for 28 CVC word families
- Letter boards with all letters needed for each mat
- Answer cards for quick self checking
- Recording sheets for writing and illustrating the mystery word

How to Prepare

- *Word building mats:*
 - Print on cardstock and laminate for reuse.
- *Letter boards:*
 - Print and laminate. Students use these boards to identify and collect the letters they need for each mat.
- *Answer cards:*
 - Cut from the bottom of each letter board page and have students use for checking.
- *Recording sheets:*
 - Photocopy as needed. Children write the words they built and illustrate the final mystery word.



How to Use

1. Students look at the four pictures on the Mystery Word mat.
2. They build each CVC word using magnetic or scrabble letters.
3. After all four picture words are built correctly, several letters remain.
4. Students rearrange the remaining letters to spell the mystery word.
5. They complete the recording sheet by writing or stamping the words and drawing a picture to match.

This activity provides repeated practice with blending, segmenting, letter sound knowledge, and word family patterns in an engaging, independent format.



Skills Covered

- CVC decoding
- Word family recognition
- Phonemic awareness
- Blending and segmenting
- Early spelling
- Vocabulary development

Word Families and Words Included

1. ab: cab, lab, dab, tab, JAB
2. ad: pad, bad, mad, dad, SAD
3. ag: tag, rag, wag, sag, BAG
4. am: ram, dam, jam, yam, HAM
5. an: pan, can, man, fan, VAN
6. ap: map, cap, lap, tap, GAP
7. at: hat, cat, mat, rat, BAT
8. ax: sax, tax, Max, fax, WAX
9. ed: red, fed, led, wed, BED
10. eg: Meg, beg, keg, peg, LEG
11. en: pen, hen, den, men, TEN
12. et: pet, jet, vet, wet, NET
13. ib: jib, bib, nib, fib, RIB
14. id: hid, bid, rid, kid, LID
15. ig: pig, wig, fig, big, DIG
16. in: fin, pin, bin, tin, WIN
17. ip: tip, dip, lip, sip, ZIP
18. it: sit, kit, lit, bit, HIT
19. ob: rob, sob, cob, mob, JOB
20. od: nod, cod, sod, pod, ROD
21. og: jog, log, cog, fog, DOG
22. op: pop, top, cop, mop, HOP
23. ot: cot, rot, hot, dot, POT
24. ub: cub, sub, hub, rub, TUB
25. ug: hug, mug, rug, jug, BUG
26. um: gum, hum, sum, mum, YUM (two mats included for two picture options for "mum")
27. un: sun, run, nun, bun, FUN
28. ut: cut, hut, gut, rut, NUT

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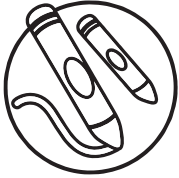
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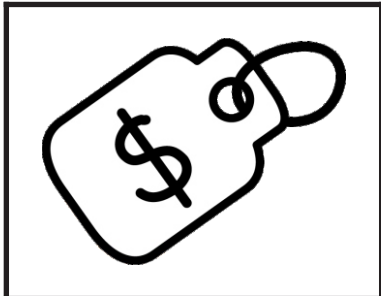
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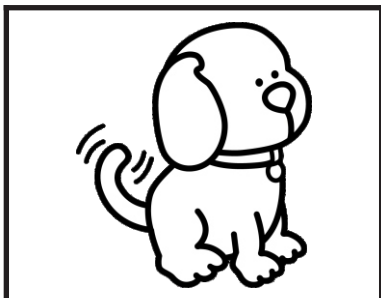
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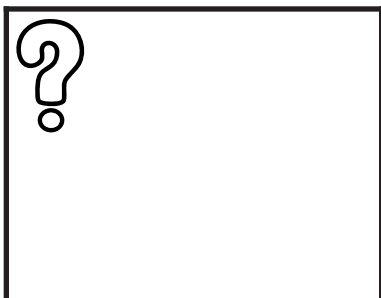
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p	o	p	o

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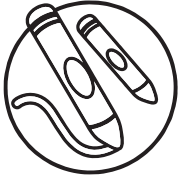
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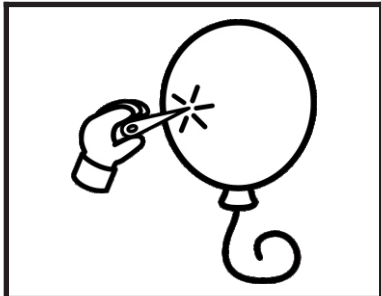
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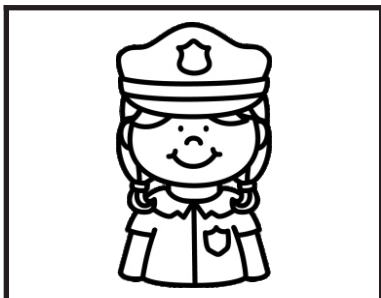
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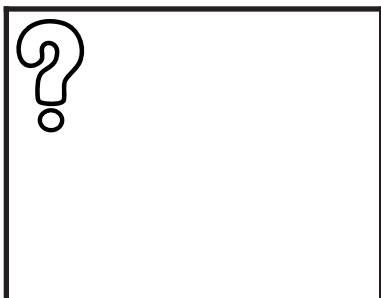
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