

WORD WORK

GAMES



A whiteboard with a toolbar at the top containing icons for eraser, selection, lasso, text, copy, font size (Aa), undo, and redo. Below the toolbar are three word cards: a cat illustration with the word 'cat', a red crayon illustration with the word 'crayon', and a yellow banana illustration with the word 'banana'.




Pass the Sound

• work with a partner - or a bigger group

• the 1st person chooses 1 word

for example - 

• think about (or say together) - the ending sound



• take turns *passing the sound* & say words that end with the same **ending sound**



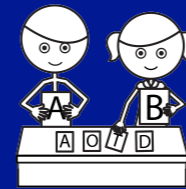






• keep *passing the sound* until **everyone** has had a turn - or until the group can't think of any more words!

Making Words



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Start with a short word you know.

for example -

a	t
---	---

Add a letter to the beginning of your word.

for example -

c	a	t
---	---	---

Add a different to the beginning of your word.

for example -

h	a	t
---	---	---

Add a letter to the end of a word you made.

for example -

h	a	t	s
---	---	---	---

Move the letters around to make a new word.

for example -

h	a	s
---	---	---

For every word you make:

Crash the letters together -

c	a	t
---	---	---

Read & say the word -

c	a	t
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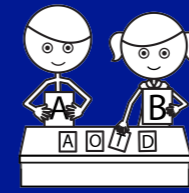
cat

Write the word - cat

extra fun:

Write the word(s) in a sentence - The cat was in the hat.

Making Words



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Some ideas of short words to start with:

am

an

as

at

be

do

go

he

in

is

it

me

my

no

on

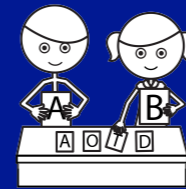
so

to

up

we

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Start with a longer word you know.

Write each letter out on a piece of paper and cut each letter out.

for example -

c h a n t s

What words can you make with 2 letters?

How many 2 letter words can you make?

for example -

a t

What words can you make with 3 letters?

How many 3 letter words can you make?

for example -

c a t

What words can you make with 4 letters?

How many 4 letter words can you make?

for example -

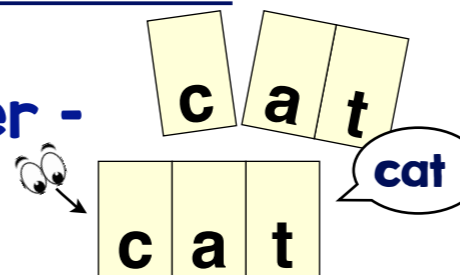
a n t s

Can you make words with more than 4 letters?

How many words can you make altogether?

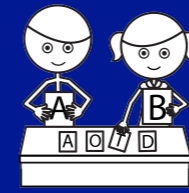
For every word you make:

Crash the letters together -



Read & say the word -

Write the word - cat



Some ideas of words to use:

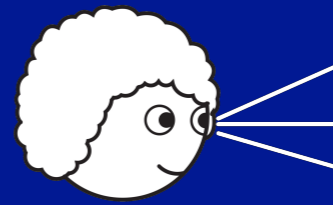
★ *the longer the word, the more letters you have to work with - the bigger the challenge*

brain
drive
planet
plans
plant
plate
print
short
smart
snack
straw
thank
think
train

branch
bricks
cartoon
charts
children
middle
normal
pictures
played
splash
stopped
tracks
travels
wanted

airport
bleeding
cartoons
cheering
chopped
community
friends
honestly
powerful
shopping
stickers
stronger
tadpoles
training

If You Know...



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Words we know - or parts of words we know - can help us read and write new words.

As you look at words or parts of words, **think**:

How can **this word help me** to **learn more words**?

Start with a shorter word you know.

If you know

in

Add letters make new words.

It helps you to know

b in **f in** **p in**

extra fun:

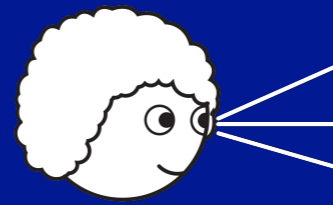
Add several letters.
Add other small words.

sh in **be g in**

Move the word you know to the beginning or middle of a new word.

in k **m in t**

If You Know...



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Some ideas of words to start with:

all	dug	pet
an	go	pop
and	had	pull
art	hen	red
at	hot	rip
bag	ill	roll
best	in	see
big	is	sun
but	it	tell
day	nap	tub
dog	nut	up
dot	on	yum

Sports



It is fun to play baseball.

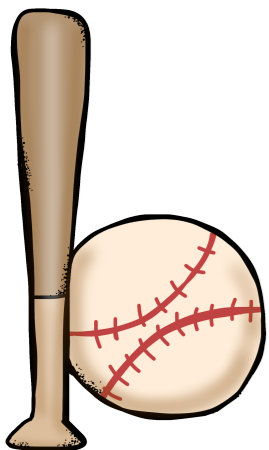
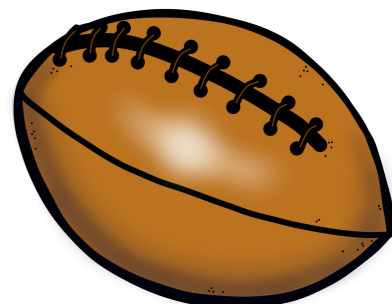
It is fun to play basketball.

It is fun to play football.

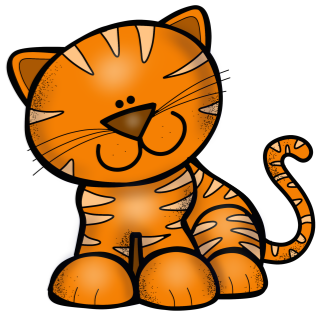
It is fun to play soccer.

It is fun to go swimming.

It is fun to go running.



Pets



Some kids have pets.

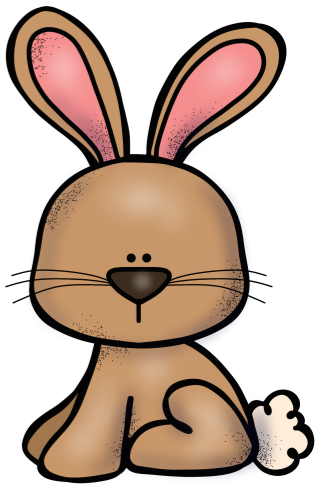
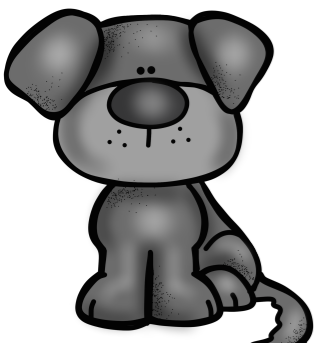


Some kids have dogs.
A baby dog is called a puppy.

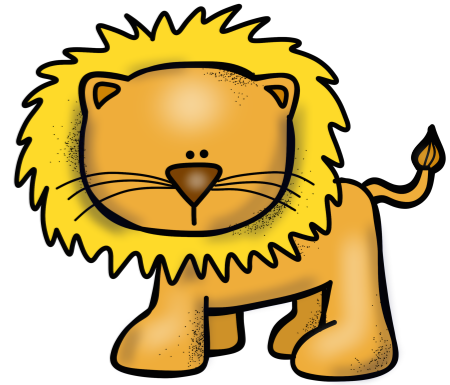
Some kids have cats.
A baby cat is called a kitten.

Some kids have rabbits.
A baby rabbit is called a rabbit, too.

Some kids have birds.
Some baby birds are called chicks.



Animals



There are lots of different places to see animals.

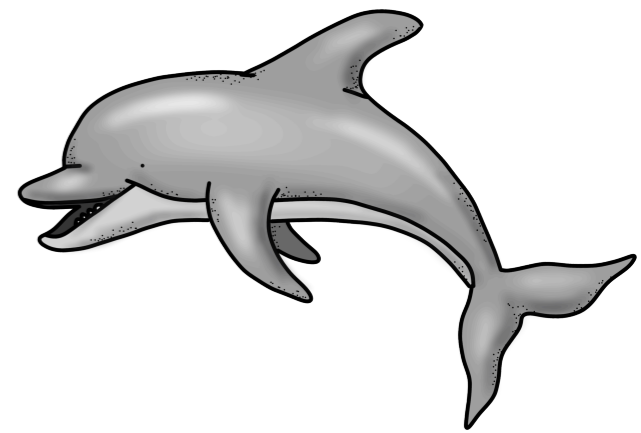
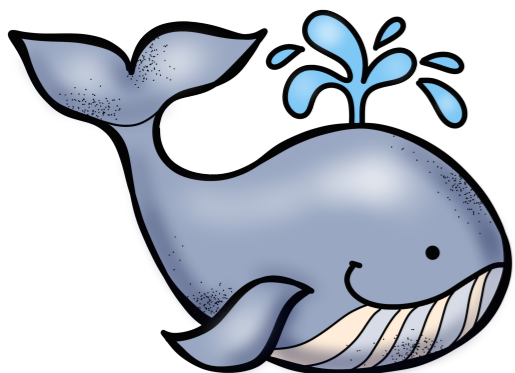
You can see animals in many places.
All animals have something special about them.

Lions are very big and roar loudly.

Giraffes have long necks and tongues.

Whales sometimes pretend to be people, even waving their flippers.

Dolphins can do a lot of tricks, like play with balls and even jump through hoops.



The Environment



The environment is all around us.
Air, water, plants, animals, and more - all make up our environment.

An ecosystem is a community of living and nonliving things getting along together in the same environment.

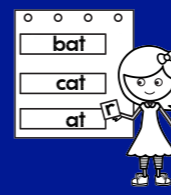
People need to make sure we don't damage the environment, or else we may harm an ecosystem.

Ways we can help the environment include recycling, reducing our waste (some people call that precycling), using less water, walking or biking instead of driving, and turning things off when we're not using them, like lights or computers.

How do you like to keep the environment healthy?



Word Ladders



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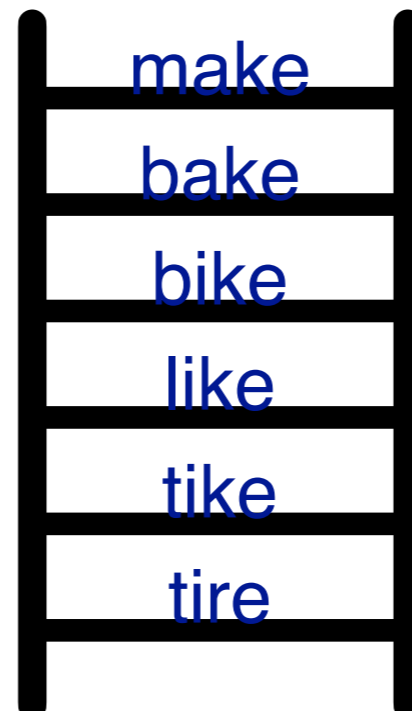
Start with **3** or **4** letter word you know.

for example - **make**

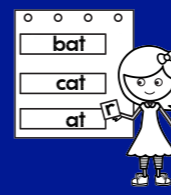
Change **1 letter** at a time to make new words.

for example - replace the **m** with a **b** to create **bake**

Keep changing **1 letter** at a time, and see what words you can make!



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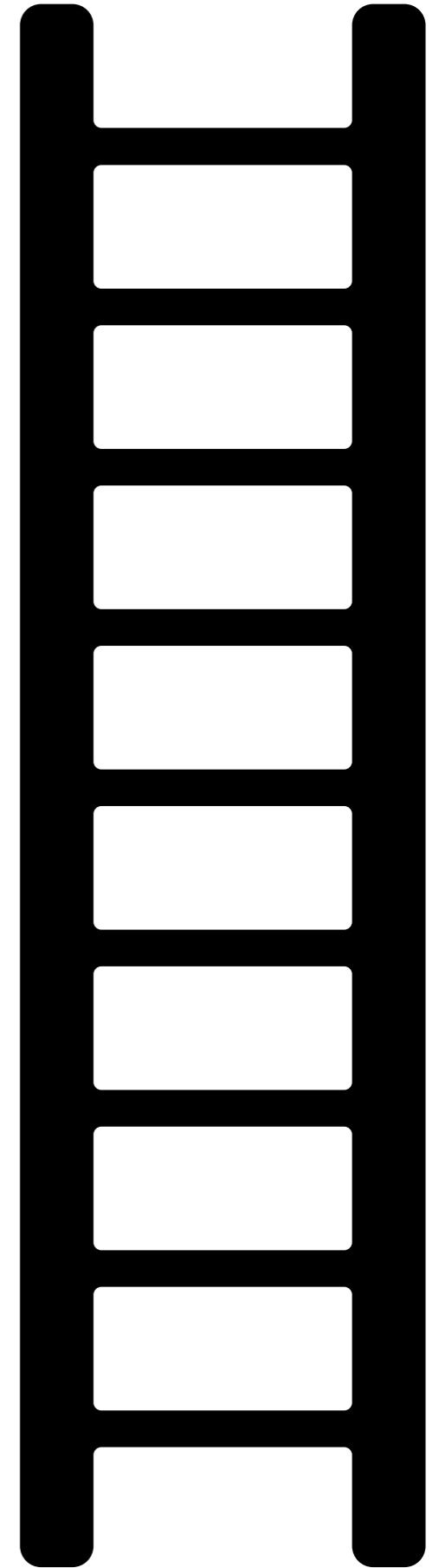
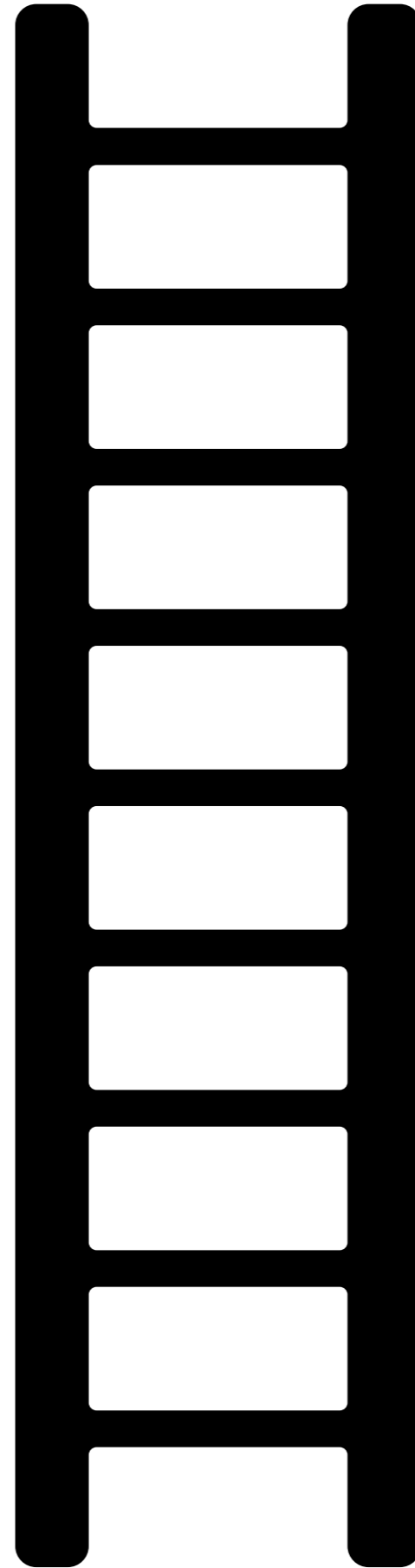
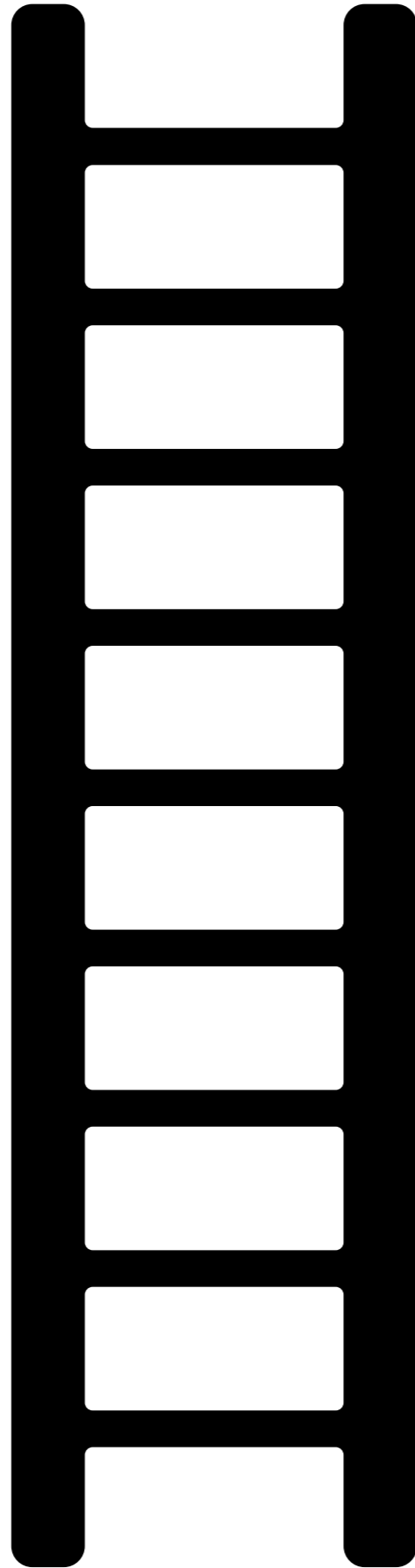
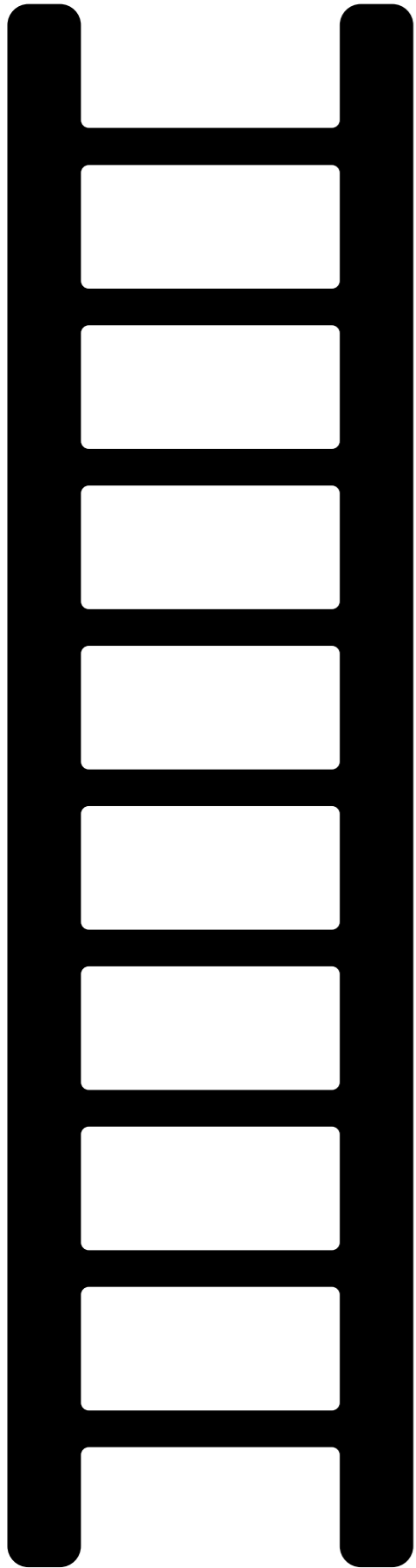


Some ideas of words to start with:

and
art
bag
boy
bug
car
cat
dog
fix
fox
had
hen
hot
pet
pig
pit

blue
drum
flag
foot
hand
high
late
life
like
make
pull
ship
sing
sped
stop
wish

Word Ladders





- work with a partner - or a bigger group
- players will take turns picking words from a word list and guessing the words
- the player that picks the word from the list
 - gives hints to the rest of the players

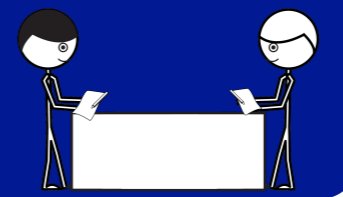
- give 1 hint to start with
- hint should be based on the sounds or features in the word

for example -

- *the word has the short 'i' sound*
- *the word starts with 'th'*
- *the word has 2 syllables*
- *it's a compound word*

- keep giving hints until someone guesses the word
- play again with a new word
- keep going until everyone has a turn

Spelling Battleship



This game is for **2 players**.

It's a fun way to play with **words you know**.

Each player needs a Word List sheet and a Battleship game board sheet

Spelling Battleship
Word List Sheet

Partner 1 Word List

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Partner 2 Word List

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Spelling Battleship
Game Boards

Partner 1's Board

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A										
B										
C										
D										
E										
F										
G										
H										
I										
J										

Partner 2's Board

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A										
B										
C										
D										
E										
F										
G										
H										
I										
J										

Each player chooses **5 words** they know. *(or, both players can use the same 5 words)*

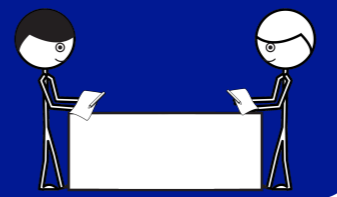
Both players write down the words on the Word List sheet.

Work together, use a spelling list, and/or a Word Wall to spell all 10 words.

Next, each player:

- writes their 5 words on their Battleship board

Spelling Battleship



For example:

Spelling Battleship Word Lists Sheet

Partner 1 Word List

1. _____ have
2. _____ because
3. _____ going
4. _____ said
5. _____ there

Partner 2 Word List

1. _____ every
2. _____ very
3. _____ now
4. _____ here
5. _____ house

Spelling Battleship Game Boards

Partner 1's Board

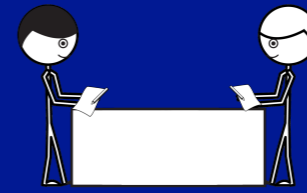
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A				h	a	v	e			
B	b									s
C	e		g	o	i	n	g			a
D	c									i
E	a									d
F	u									
G	s									
H	e						t	h	e	r
I										
J										

Partner 2's Board

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A		h								
B		e								
C		r		e	v	e	r	y		
D		e								h
E										o
F								n		u
G								o		s
H								w		e
I										
J	v	e	r	y						

To play the game:

Spelling Battleship



Partner 1 calls out a letter and a number (a *coordinate*) from the game board

to try and find where **Partner 2** wrote words

for example - **C5**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
A						
B						
C						
D						
E						

• IF **Partner 2** does not have a letter in that space -

it's a **MISS**

♦ **Partner 1** can mark an **X** in that space

• IF **Partner 2** does have a letter in that space -

it's a **HIT**

♦ **Partner 2** tells **Partner 1** the letter that's in that space

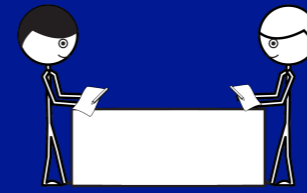
for example - **e**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
A						
B						
C					e	
D						

To play the game:

...continued

Spelling Battleship



Next - switch partners

Partner 2 calls out a letter and a number (*a coordinate*) from the game board

· to try and find where **Partner 1** wrote words

Keep going - calling out coordinates & switching partners...

· until one partner is ready to guess a word might be

for example - **Partner 1** might say:

· I think **C4, C5, C6, C7, and C8**

· spell the word **every**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A									
B									
C				e	v	e	r	y	
D									
E									

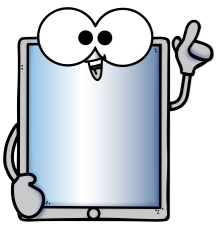
· IF **Partner 1** is **right** -

♦ **Partner 2** says "You sunk my battleship!"

· IF **Partner 1** is **wrong** -

♦ play continues until another guess can be made

★ The **1st Partner** to sink **all 5 battleships** wins the game!



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