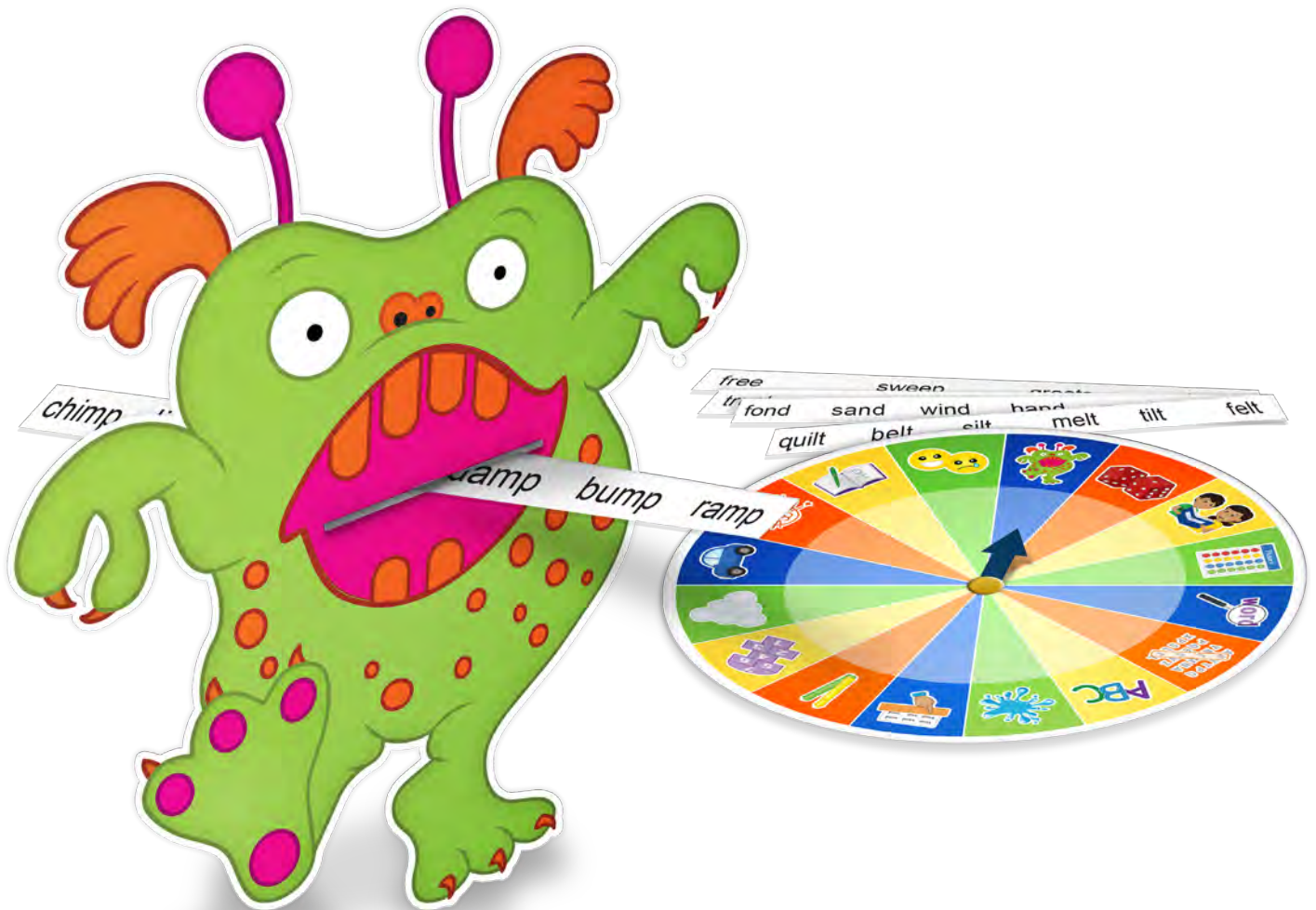


16 Ways to Make Practice Sheets Fun

a collection of fluency practice activities



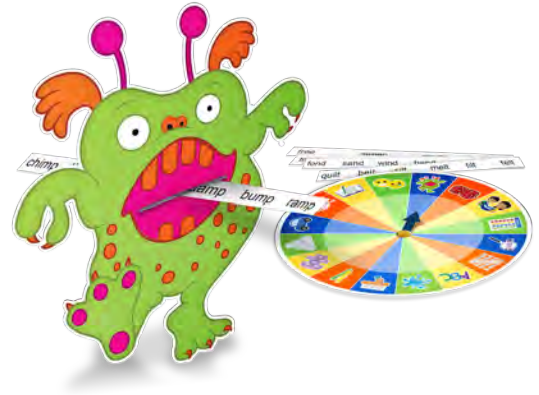
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ALL ABOUT Reading

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Kids learn best when lessons are multisensory and engaging. So how can you spice up reading practice with some hands-on fun? We've got you covered! Get your child excited about practicing reading fluency with these 16 easy-to-play games and activities.

Can't decide which activity to work on first? We thought about that, too! Just print out and assemble the included Activity Wheel Spinner and get ready to have some fun!



Ready, set, SPIN!

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Instructions

1. Choose an activity from the Practice Sheet Activity List on pages 5-6. Follow the directions to complete the activity.
2. Repeat as needed!

Add an extra element of fun by using the optional Activity Wheel Spinner.

Assemble the Optional Activity Wheel Spinner

1. Print and cut out the Activity Wheel Spinner on page 4. For best results, use card stock or heavy paper and laminate your spinner.
2. Create a small hole in the center of the spinner using scissors or another sharp tool.
3. Push a brad paper fastener through the spinner and fold the prongs back, being sure to leave a slight space between the folded prongs and the back of the spinner.
4. Place the spinner right-side up and flat against the table.
5. Attach a paper clip to the spinner by placing it over the brad fastener.
6. If desired, cut out the arrow and attach it to the top of the paper clip with tape or glue.
7. Place the spinner on a hard surface. Spin the paper clip to choose an activity to complete. Each icon corresponds to an activity from the Practice Sheet Activity List.



Activity Wheel Spinner



Practice Sheet Activity List

Use these activities with any of the Practice Sheets in the *All About Reading* program, or print out sample Practice Sheets from pages 15-26.



Feed the monster. Print and cut out the monster from page 7 (color) or page 11 (black-and-white). Choose a Practice Sheet and cut it up in strips. Have your child read each strip and then feed them to the monster.



Roll the dice. Number the rows of words and sentences on the Practice Sheets from 1 to 6, repeating the numbers as necessary. If your child rolls a 2, he reads the words in the rows you marked with the number 2. If he rolls a 3, he reads the rows you marked with the number 3.



Read with a buddy. Take turns reading lines on the Practice Sheets with your student. Learn more about how buddy reading can help your child in [this blog post](#).



Use sticker dots to reduce your student's frustration. Break up the Practice Sheets into more manageable "chunks" using sticker dots to create a "starting dot" and a "stopping dot."



Play hide and seek with words and sentences. Cut up the Practice Sheets and hide the pieces around the room. When your child finds one of the pieces, he has to read it before searching for the next piece.



Use an online word search puzzle maker to create your own word search puzzle using your child's fluency words. Have her read the words as she finds them.

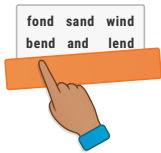


Choose a letter and have your student search for and read only the words, phrases, or sentences that begin with (or contain) that particular letter.



Play Swat the Words. Print and cut out the splat graphic on page 8 (color) or page 12 (black-and-white). Attach the splat graphic to a new flyswatter, a plastic ruler, or even just your student's hand. Cut out words from the Practice Sheet and lay them on the table. Have your student find and swat each word as you read it out loud.

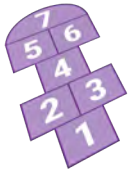
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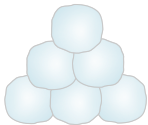
Break up the Practice Sheet by covering it with a piece of paper, making the page seem less overwhelming for your child. Slide the paper down to uncover one line or section at a time.



Make progress more concrete. Allow your student to track his progress using colored highlighters or fun stickers. Simply have him mark the words or sentences as he reads them.



Play Fluency Hopscotch. Write fluency words in each square of a hopscotch grid. Gather a different marker for each student, such as a beanbag, stone, or bottle cap. Follow standard hopscotch rules, but when the student stops to pick up his marker, he reads the word(s).



Play Fluency Snowball Fight. Cut the Practice Sheets into strips and tape them to the wall. Have your child read the words. After each strip is read correctly, have your child stand back and throw a snowball at it! Use Ping-Pong balls, Nerf balls, styrofoam balls, or even crumpled paper as snowballs.



Make a word road. Cut the Practice Sheets into strips. Place the strips end to end on a long table or on the floor to make a road. Have your student drive a matchbox car over the words as he reads them.



Illustrate the words. Select a few words from the Practice Sheets and have your student draw a picture for each one. For even more fun, ask your child to make a collage of the words and pictures.

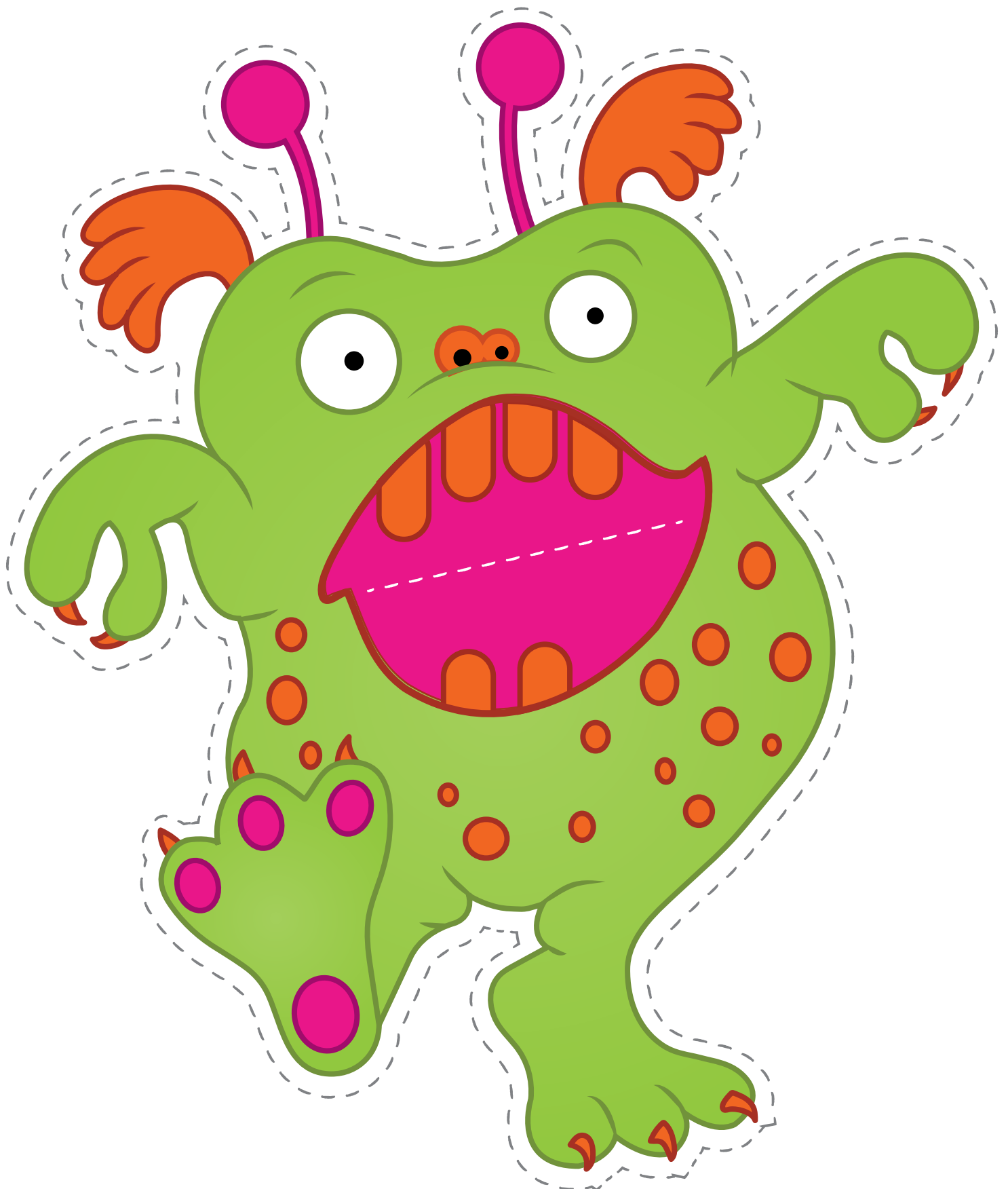


Silly sentences. Have your student read a word from the Practice Sheet and make up a silly sentence using the word. Have a contest to see who can make the other players laugh first.



Have fun with emojis! Cut out the emojis from page 9 (color) or page 13 (black-and-white). Put the emojis in a basket. Cut the Practice Sheets into strips and put those in another basket. Have your student pick a strip from one basket and an emoji from the other basket. Now ham it up by reading the word using the selected emotion.

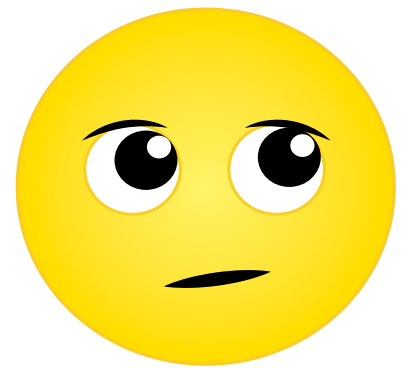
Feed the Monster Activity



Swat the Words Activity



Fun with Emojis Activity



Fun with Emojis Key



happy



sad



sleepy



angry



shocked



scared



worried



silly



in love



cool

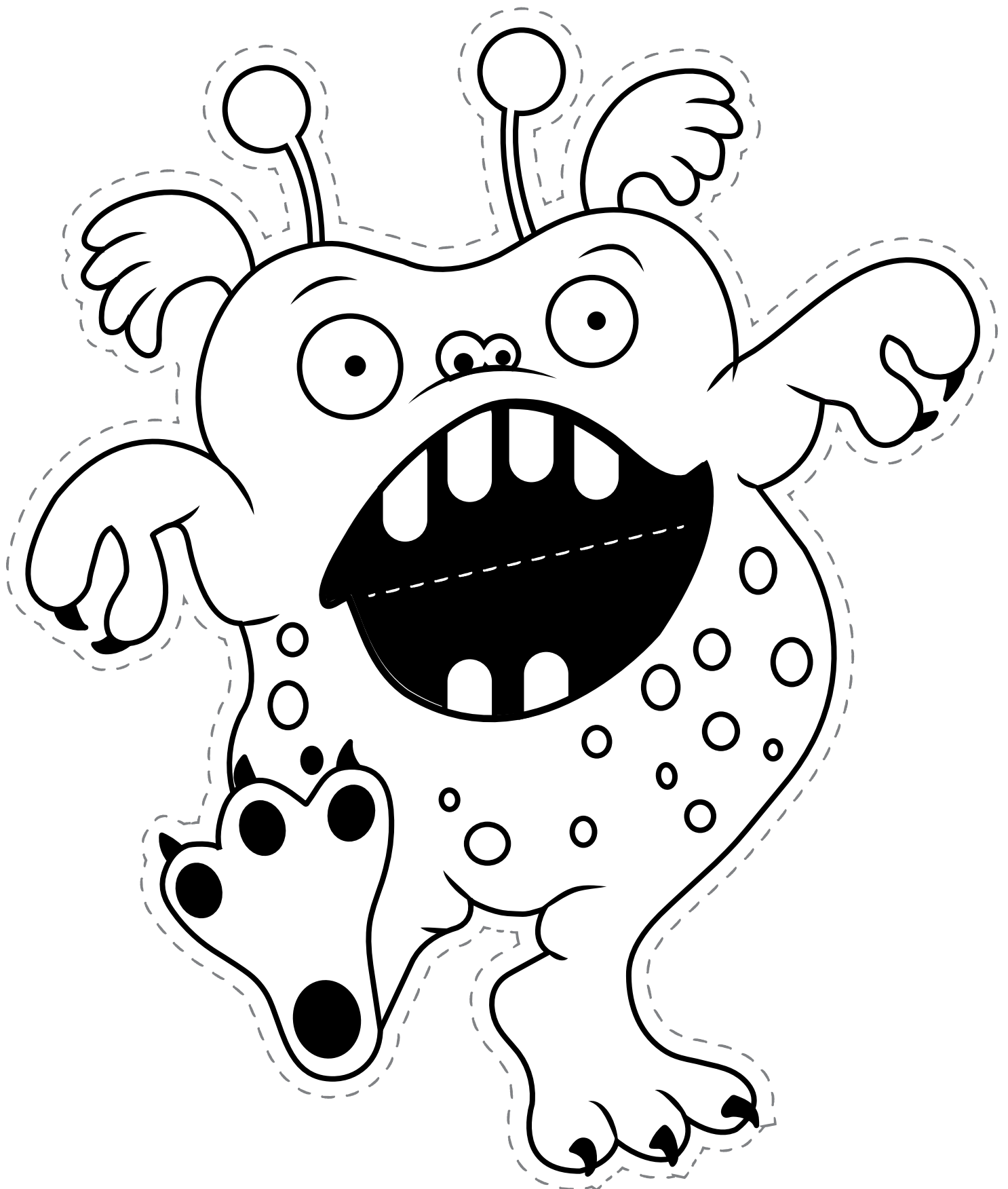


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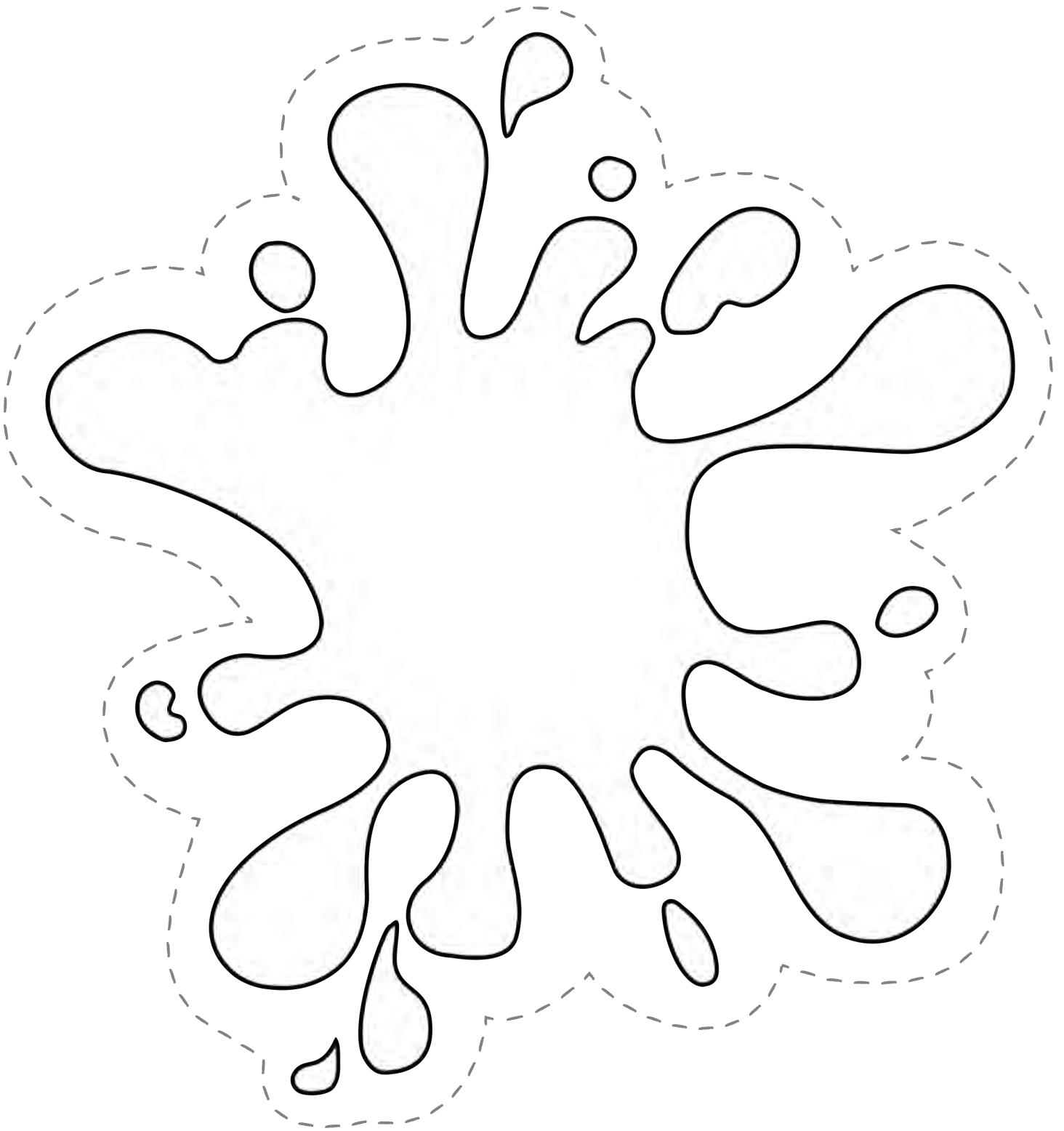


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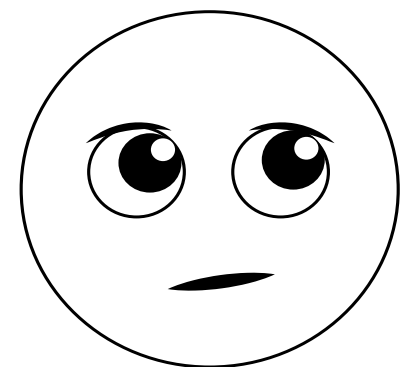
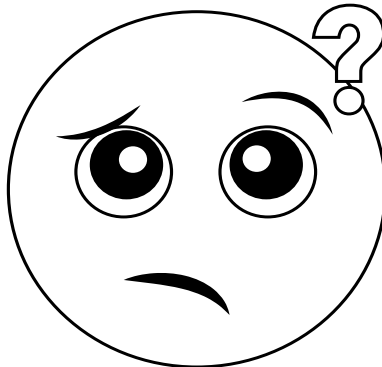
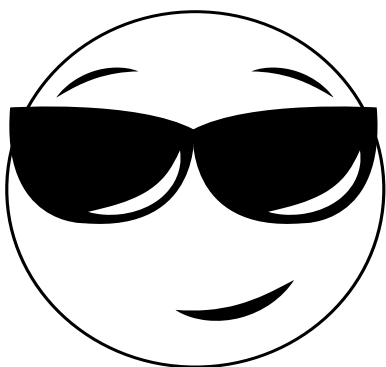
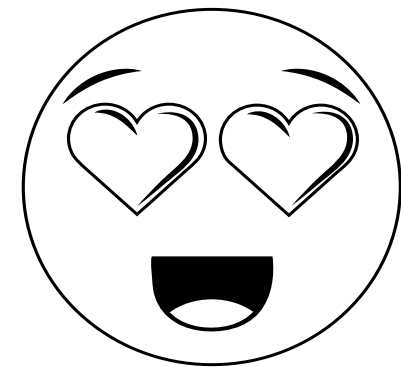
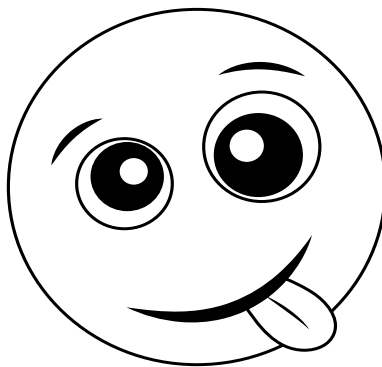
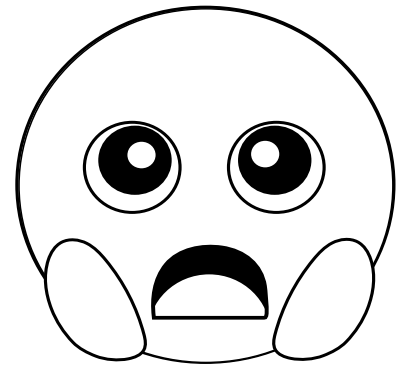
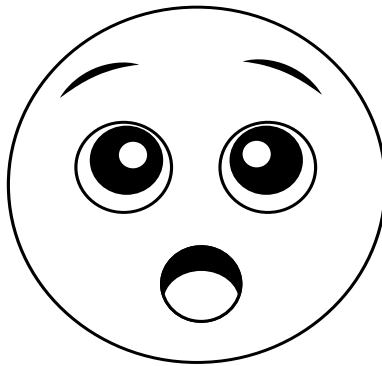
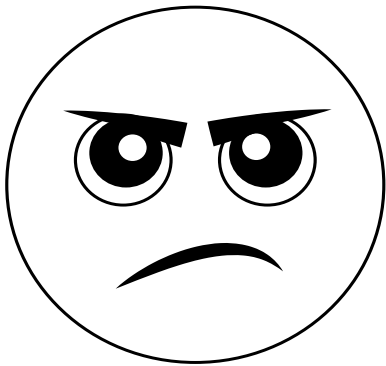
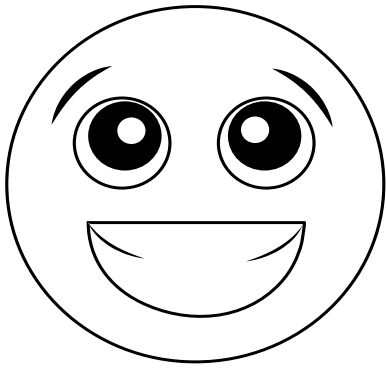
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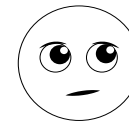
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Level 1 Practice Sheet

New Words

of	dot	not	jog	gob	dog
hot	mob	hog	rot	hop	win
nod	log	mom	lid	bop	mop

on	tot	sob	bog	lip	wig
lap	wit	job	pod	cot	top
pot	lit	got	cod	lad	lot

fog	rod	pop	rob	pal	
sod	gal	cop	Val	Bob	
Dot	Jon	Liv	Tod	Cal	
Doc	Don	Rob	Ron	Tom	Liz



Phrases

a lot of pop
on the pad
did not jog

got a job
not a fan
in the bog

the hot dog
in the fog
a big log

can win
did not win
had a mop

Level 1 Practice Sheet

New Words

-mp	chimp	limp	dump	damp	bump	ramp
	jump	lamp	pump	tamp	hump	Gump
	camp	lump	champ	thump	chomp	romp

-ct	fact	duct	act
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-ld	weld	held	meld
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-ft	theft	gift	loft	raft
	soft	tuft	shift	lift
	shaft	sift	left	



-lk	elk	milk	silk	bulk
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-lp	help	gulp	yelp
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-lt	quilt	belt	silt	melt	tilt	felt
	wilt					

-nd	fond	sand	wind	hand	pond	send
	bend	and	lend	fund	end	land
	band	fend	mend	tend	bond	

Level 1 Practice Sheet

New Words

ink	junk	bank	Frank	shrink	dunk	sink
rank	drink	sunk	pink	tank	sank	shrunk
honk	blank	stink	clunk	rink	trunk	think

drank	shrank	bunk	thank	chunk	plank	clink
Hank	flunk	clank	prank	plunk	yank	hunk
crank	blink	wink	stunk	flank	slink	skunk
slunk						



Phrases

black ink
pink dress
in the trunk

get a drink
dish in the sink
pack the trunk

chunk of ham
thank the man
the ship sank

a lot of junk
trip to the bank
flunk the test

Level 2 Practice Sheet

New Words

broken	protect	zero	frozen
began	hotel	begun	belong
pretend	minus	demand	robot
moment	begin	open	item
request	even	relax	event
student	refund	hero	depend
silent	prevent	motel	

Phrases

frozen fish	a bad robot	belongs to me
protect us	the broken string	the big event
broken basket	began to sing	at the hotel
open the box	had a request	just for a moment
a silent man	depend on you	her best student
is a hero	did not begin	got a refund

Level 2 Practice Sheet

New Words

porch	forest	torn	corner
snort	forget	north	sort
acorn	stork	form	horn
forgot	cork	pork	sport
short	or	corn	storm
morning	thorn	popcorn	born
fork	fort	forever	order

Phrases

forgot to tell	harvest the corn	torn cloth
a short man	go north	was born
on the corner	late morning	a big storm
ate popcorn	a deep forest	this or that
take my order	the sharp thorn	use a fork

Level 2 Practice Sheet

New Words

aunt	yawn	sauce	claw
raw	fault	crawl	paw
draw	thaw	because	lawn
law	straw	pause	haul
jaw	August	saw	hawk

Phrases

raw beef	bed of straw
not my fault	crawl under it
pause to think	make the sauce
haul the wagon	a huge yawn
broke the law	his Aunt Sue
water the lawn	draw a dog
a sore paw	
thaw the oysters	

Level 3 Practice Sheet

New Words

puddle	apple	little	tickle	saddle
ankle	fiddle	marble	twinkle	settle
battle	freckle	bottle	uncle	simple
bubble	waffle	middle	chuckle	nibble
candle	sparkle	paddle	waddle	giggle
dimple	gentle	pickle	sample	single
drizzle	handle	puzzle	wiggle	sprinkle
jungle	juggle	rattle	very	only

Sentences

The gentle horse did not like the hard saddle.

Judy nibbled on her apple like a chipmunk.

Who put the waffles in the middle of the yard?

The spy could not solve the simple puzzle by himself.

Does Bobby giggle when you tickle his feet?

We love to blow soap bubbles into the air!

Level 3 Practice Sheet

New Words

food	broom	smooth	pool	tooth
boot	spoon	noon	goose	cool
tool	loose	soon	moose	fool
room	moon	toothbrush	shampoo	door
floor				

Sentences

The goose used all my best shampoo!

Can you hang a spoon on your nose?

Lucy's loose tooth wiggled and wobbled.

I saw the kitten's paws under the door.

The crow nested happily on my straw broom.

I'll race you to the moon and back.

Level 3 Practice Sheet

New Words

knot	knife	doorknob	kneel	knew
know	knight	kneecap	knock	knee
knit	knob	castle	honor	

Sentences

Mike said “Sh!” and slowly turned the doorknob.

Can Nancy knit the longest scarf the world has ever seen?

The knight hopped on his horse and rode into the sunset.

Snakes can’t kneel because they don’t have knees.

You’ll never finish peeling the potatoes with that dull knife.

I knew you’d eat the roof off my gingerbread house!

“Come see my castle!” called the little boy.

Level 4 Practice Sheet

Words with ER and ERR

berry	America	cherry	experiment
errands	merry	terrify	Erin
Eric	Erika	Jeremy	

Words with AR and ARR

arrow	marathon	parakeet	rosemary
carrot	caramel	marinate	barrel
marry	embarrass	carry	narrow
parrot	wheelbarrow	sparrow	barren
carried	parent	library	Darren
Larry	Barry	Mary	

Level 4 Practice Sheet

New Words

evidence	confidence	intelligence	presence
science	patience	silence	difference
sentence	obedience	audience	innocence
importance	clearance	allowance	guidance
acceptance	balance	ambulance	entrance
abundance	experience	appearance	

More Words

persistence	dependence	influence	magnificence
sequence	violence	absence	commence
competence	conference	consequence	excellence
existence	diligence	indulgence	significance
appliance	riddance	maintenance	hindrance
radiance	hesitance	defiance	annoyance
admittance	acquaintance	nuisance	

Level 4 Practice Sheet

New Words

echo	bicycle	ache	mystery
chord	hyphen	chorus	system
school	syllable	rhyme	stomach
style	type	rhythm	myth
syrup	crystal	chrome	physical
symptom	gym	thyme	

More Words

bronchial	Christmas	hygiene	chameleon
hyena	mechanic	gypsy	character
rhubarb	chemical	analyze	architect
chaos	cylinder	chemist	rhinoceros
chronic			



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