

Decodable Word Puzzles

Name: _____

Find the Word

Sound out the 6 words across and down.

rat	ma	cap
bat	mad	cap

w	u	q	h	a	d	m	k	c	y
g	q	v	c	v	t	b	a	e	h
b	p	z	a	k	e	z	m	a	d
w	z	g	t	q	f	e	y	w	w
e	c	z	u	s	c	a	p	y	p
c	a	z	r	b	a	t	b	m	g
b	n	o	a	s	c	h	x	a	r
e	i	e	f	a	g	d	y	p	o
i	z	j	r	y	p	g	y	u	f
d	h	u	l	f	d	e	u	y	z

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Word Square

How many words can you make? Make a word by using squares that touch.

h	a	t
v	n	p

hat rat
Van map

I made _____ words.

nap	man	ran	pan
pat			

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Name: _____

Crack the Code

Use the secret alphabet code below. Look at the picture, find the matching letter, then write that letter on the line.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

f	o	x	p	d	n
t	u	b	p	i	g
h	a	m	d	a	d

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59 Pages of Activities for Reading Success

No-prep Printables

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59 Puzzles with Decodable Short Vowel CVC words

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crack the code Mixed

Use the secret alphabet code below. Look at the picture, find the matching letter, then write that letter on the line above that picture. Each picture begins with the letter sound.

Apple	Banana	Cheese	Donut	Egg	Fish	Grape	Hamburger	Ice Cream	Jelly	Kite	Lemon	Milk
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

f o x p d n
t u b p i g
h a m d a d

MAZE Mixed

from start to the first box. Read the word and draw a maze until you reach the end.

2. box

WORD SQUARE Mixed

words can you make? Make a word by connecting squares that touch each other side by side, up and down, corner to corner. Words can go in any direction. Write the words you make in the boxes.

m	r	n
h	a	t
v	n	p

I made _____ words.

nap man ran pan
pat

► Multisensory activities

► Puzzles for each short vowel sound + mixed review

► Several puzzles have 2 versions for easy differentiation

► Tips for use

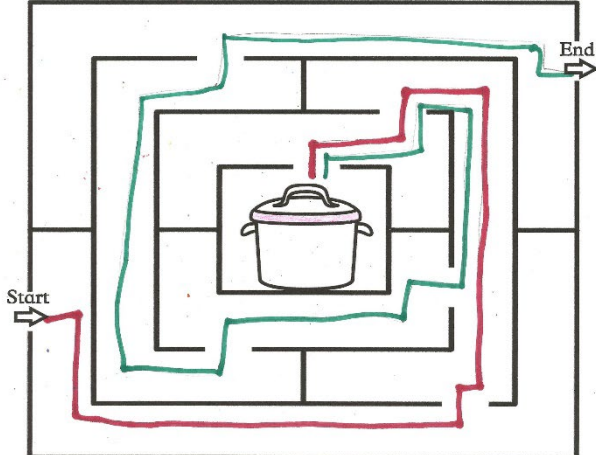
Strengthen Skills For Reading Success

m e b

Name: _____

 **MAZE**

1. Draw a line through the maze from start to the picture in the center box.
2. Color the picture.
3. Draw a line from the picture to the end.
4. Write the word on the line.
5. Write the word in the boxes.

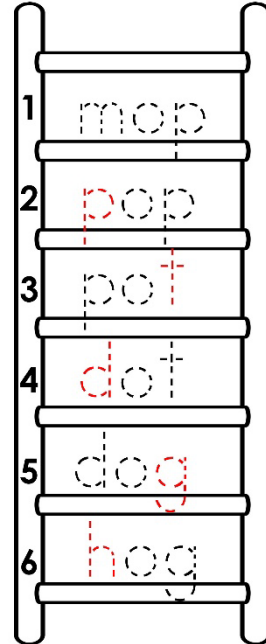


 **MAZE**

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WORD LADDER

Writes the first picture in the box on the ladder. To climb the ladder, write the letter to describe the next picture and write the new word. Circle the letter that changed.



1 mop

2 pop

3 pot

4 dot

5 dog

6 hog

- ▶ Phonemic awareness
- ▶ Sound blending
- ▶ Spelling
- ▶ Vocabulary
- ▶ Problem-solving
- ▶ Visual-motor skills
- ▶ Hand-eye coordination
- ▶ Patience and persistence
- ▶ Memory, focus, and concentration

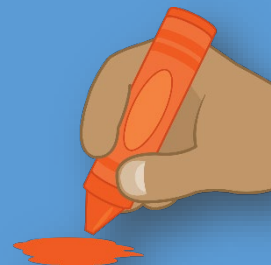
w c
a r

CRACK THE CODE

► Strengthens phonemic awareness and phonics skills.

► Strengthens comprehension, spelling, and vocabulary.

► Encourages problem solving creativity and thinking skills.



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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
												
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

<u>f</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>n</u>
					
<u>t</u>	<u>u</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>g</u>
					
<u>h</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>d</u>
					

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<u>t</u>	<u>u</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>g</u>
					
<u>h</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>d</u>
					

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WORD SEARCH

Name: _____



FIND THE WORD

Sound out the 6 words below. Find and circle each word in the box. The words go across and down.

rat ...		map ...		cat ...	
bat ...		mad ...		cap ...	

w	u	q	h	a	d	m	k	c	y
g	q	v	c	v	t	b	a	e	h
b	p	z	a	k	e	z	m	a	d
w	z	g	t	q	f	e	y	w	w
e	c	z	u	s	c	a	p	y	p
c	a	z	r	b	a	t	b	m	g
b	n	o	a	s	c	h	x	a	r
e	i	e	t	a	g	d	y	p	o
i	z	j	r	y	p	g	y	u	f
d	h	u	l	f	d	e	u	y	z

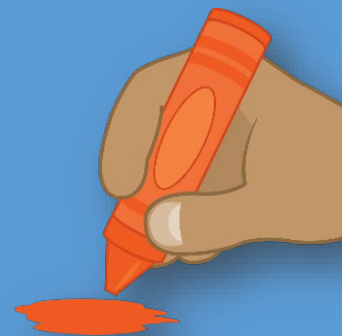
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► Strengthens comprehension, spelling, and vocabulary.

► Encourages problem solving creativity and thinking skills.

► Strengthens visual discrimination.



Name: _____

FIND THE WORD

Sound out the 6 words below. Find and circle each word in the box. The words go across and down.

bib ...		hit ...		win ...	
pig ...		dip ...		wig ...	

f	v	p	b	i	n	c	x	c	p
x	o	i	j	k	s	n	j	y	z
t	e	g	j	h	h	j	p	g	m
s	z	f	i	c	f	n	x	b	l
v	d	i	p	j	z	w	x	s	x
w	d	q	b	i	b	i	r	d	k
i	d	e	h	i	t	g	q	x	x
n	e	u	f	u	n	z	f	p	d
q	e	b	v	d	y	g	c	k	n
s	h	b	t	l	z	v	l	r	r

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WORD LADDERS

Name: _____



WORD LADDER



Write a CVC word that describes the first picture in the box on the ladder. To climb down the ladder, change one letter to describe the next picture and write the new word in the box below it on the ladder. Circle the letter that changed.

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

1	sub
2	cub
3	tub
4	tug
5	bug
6	rug

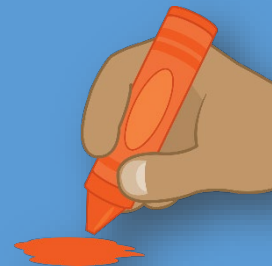
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► Strengthens phonemic awareness and phonics skills

► Strengthens comprehension, spelling, and vocabulary.

► Encourages problem solving creativity and thinking skills.



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1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

1	zip
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

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WORD SQUARES

Name: _____



WORD SQUARE



How many words can you make? Make a word by connecting squares that touch each other. Squares can touch side by side, up and down, corner to corner. Words can go in any direction. Write the words you make in the boxes.



hat



Van

m	r	n
h	a	t
v	n	p



rat



map

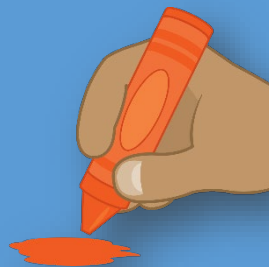
I made _____ words.

nap	man	ran	pan
pat			

► Strengthens phonemic awareness and phonics skills.

► Strengthens comprehension, spelling, and vocabulary.

► Encourages problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity.



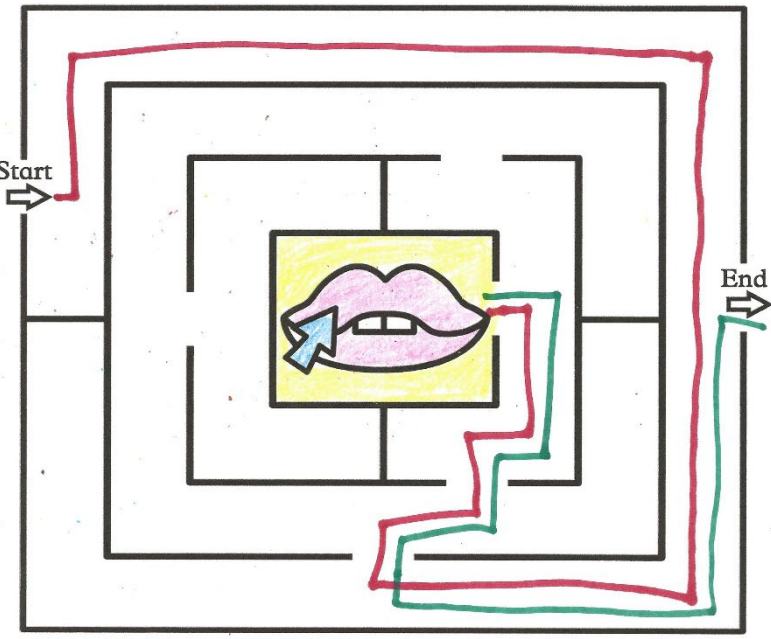
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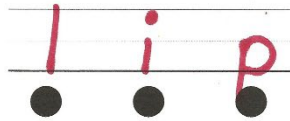
Name: _____

 MAZE



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2. Color the picture.
3. Draw a line from the picture to the end.
4. Write the word on the line.
5. Write the word in the boxes.







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► Include decodable words to strengthen phonemic awareness and phonics skills.

► Strengthens visual discrimination and visual motor skills.

► Encourages problem-solving, creativity, and thinking skills.

► Help boost memory, concentration, and focus.

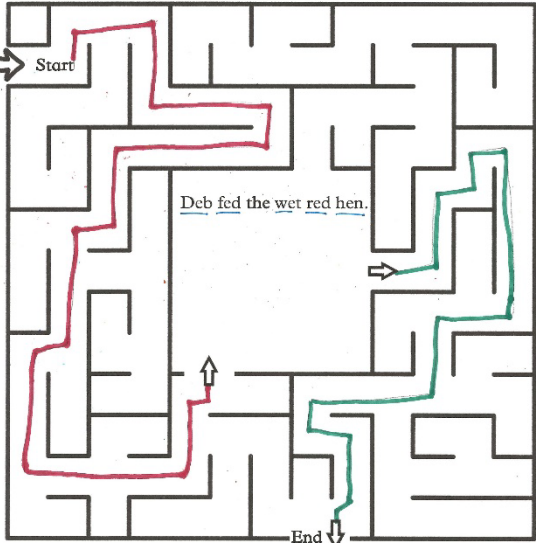
MAZES

Preview

Name: _____

 **MAZE** 

Draw a line from start to the center of the maze. Read the sentence. Underline the words with the /e/ sound and draw a picture. Draw a line from the center to the end of the maze.



Deb fed the wet red hen.

Start

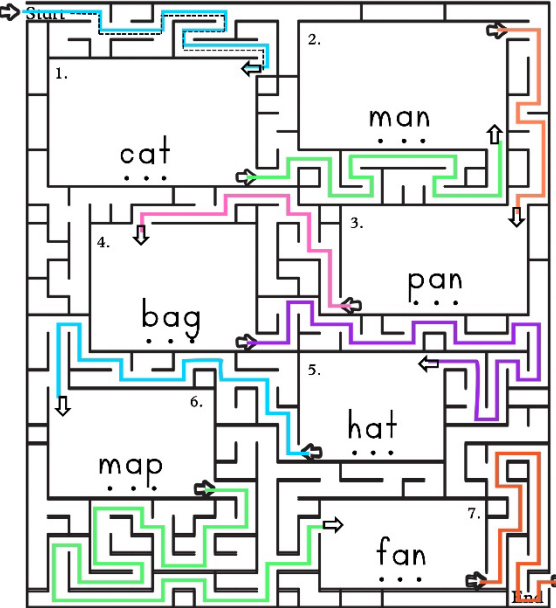
End

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Name: _____

 **MAZE** 

Draw a line through the maze from start to the first box. Read the word and draw a picture. Continue through the maze until you reach the end.



1. cat

2. man

3. pan

4. bag

5. hat

6. map

7. fan

Start

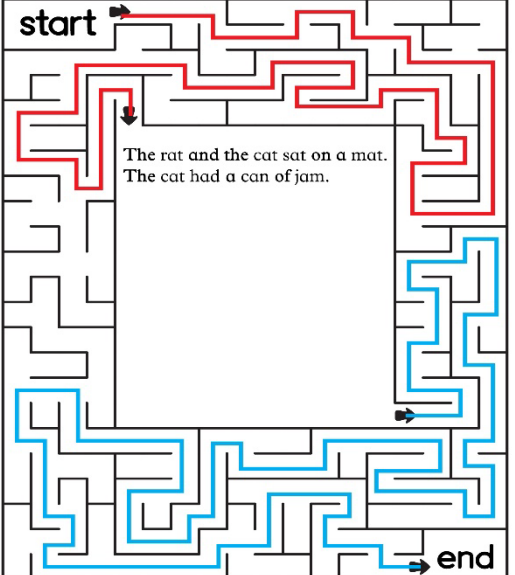
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Name: _____

 **MAZE** 

Draw a line from start to the center of the maze. Read the sentence. Underline the words with the /a/ sound and draw a picture. Draw a line from the center to the end of the maze.



start

The rat and the cat sat on a mat.
The cat had a can of jam.

end

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SAMPLE PAGES



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crack the code

Use the secret alphabet code below. Look at the picture, find the matching letter, then write that letter on the line above that picture. Each picture begins with the letter sound.

apple	banana	cat	dog	egg	fish	grape	hamburger	ice cream	juice	key	lemon	melon	nut	orange	peach	quince	raspberry	strawberry	tomato	ugly	vanilla	watermelon	x-ray	yellow	zucchini
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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VOWEL MAZE

Follow the vowel letters (A,E,I,O,U) through the maze from start to end. Color each box with a vowel letter and say its short vowel sound.

start →	A	B	M	L	P	
M	N	E	A	T	S	K
X	C	V	I	U	A	R
Z	Q	W	R	T	E	P
F	H	K	I	O	E	L
D	S	C	U	B	N	J
Q	L	K	U	A	→end	

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Name: _____

MAZE

Draw a line through the maze from start to the first box. Read the word and draw a picture. Continue through the maze until you reach the end.

Start →

1. bat

2. box

3. sun

4. pet

5. hat

6. kid

7. sub

End →

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MAZE

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5. Write the word in the boxes.

Start →

End →

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Name: _____

FIND THE WORD

Sound out the 6 words below. Find and circle each word in the box. The words go across and down.

jet

bed

web

hen

ten

10

leg

r	k	d	m	l	e	g	j	v	m
t	y	k	d	x	l	g	u	q	l
y	t	b	e	d	v	t	l	f	t
h	f	x	c	l	p	t	r	g	m
f	e	l	e	k	a	e	p	r	w
u	j	f	o	q	h	e	n	r	e
p	e	n	y	i	a	k	y	r	b
d	t	t	a	k	n	t	e	l	j
e	x	o	j	g	s	e	c	d	c
c	q	r	f	q	n	n	t	z	p

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1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

1. hat

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

1. cat

2. ca

3. ca

4. an

5. an

6. ma

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m	r	n
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v	n	p

I made _____ words.

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