Phonics Centers Pack

Lesson 31: Gail the Snail (-ail)

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

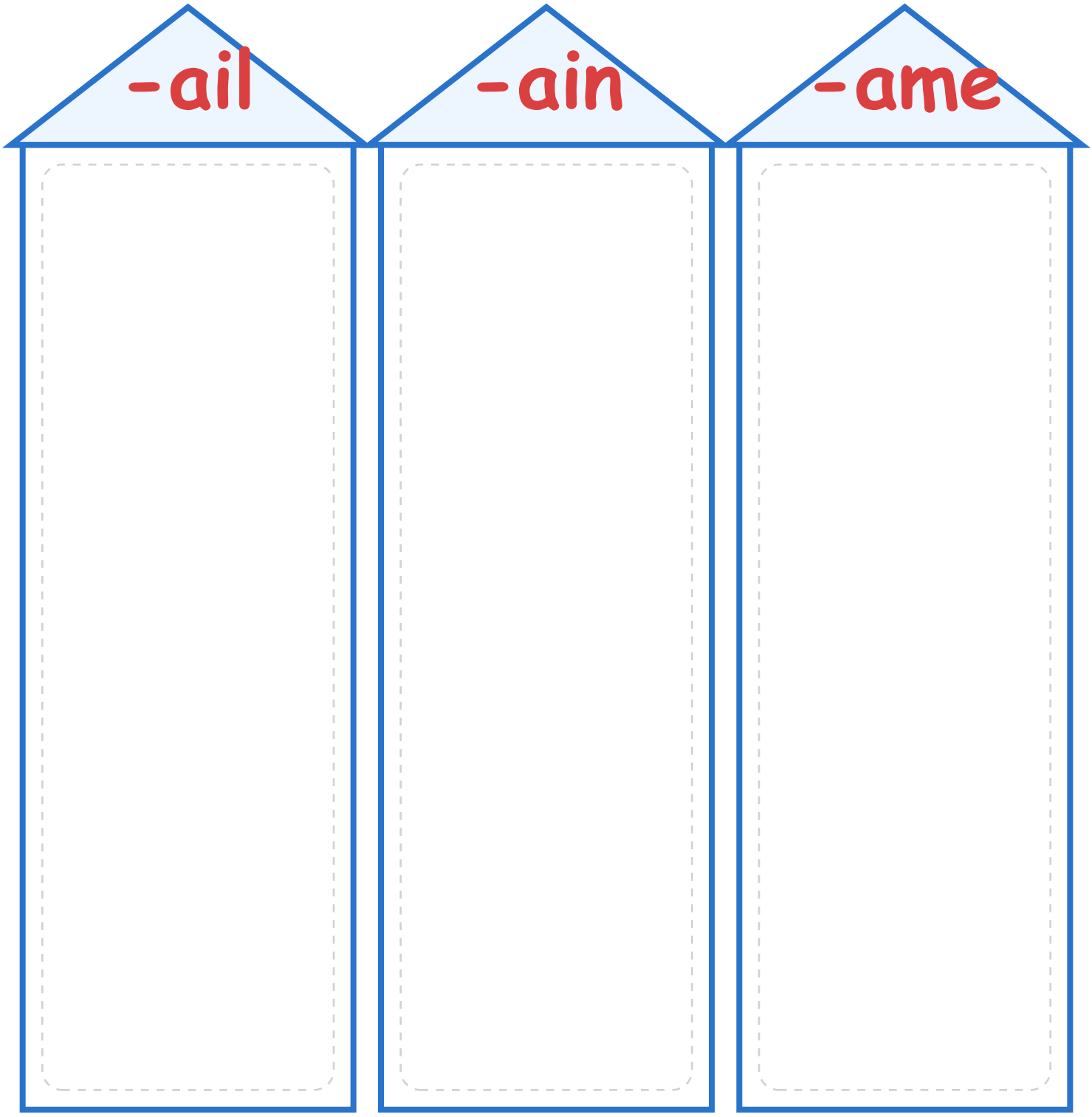
Two players. Read a word before you put your X or O on it. Three in a row wins.

Also for this lesson on the lesson page: story and homework, flashcards, word building picture cards, Write the Room, bingo and sight word games.

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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.



hail



mail



pail



snail



tail



pain



rain



drain



game



name

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Clip the Word

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



gail

fail

hail



mail

snail

hail



snail

pail

fail



tail

pail

snail



mail

tail

gail

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Clip the Word: Answer Key

The correct word for each picture.



hail



mail



pail



snail



tail

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Roll and Read

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



tail	fail	bail	gail	mail	snail
pail	hail	tail	hail	snail	gail
mail	fail	bail	pail	hail	tail
fail	bail	gail	snail	pail	mail
tail	mail	hail	gail	bail	fail
pail	snail	hail	gail	mail	snail

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Word and Picture Puzzles

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



hail



mail



pail



snail

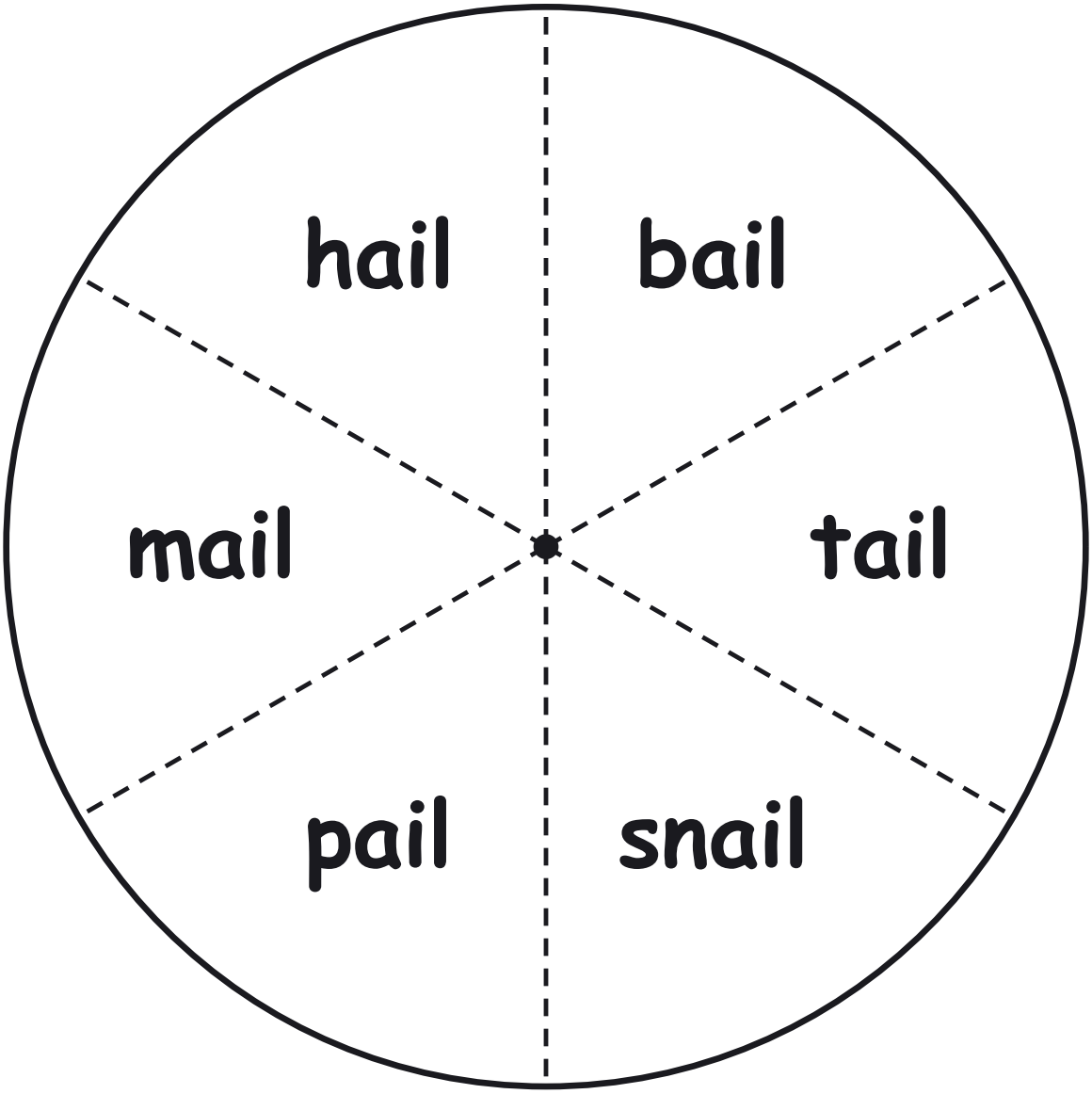


tail

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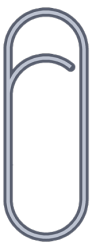
Spin and Cover: Spinner

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





Put the pencil point on the dot.
Flick the paper clip and let it spin!



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Spin and Cover: Game Boards

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

hail	mail	pail	snail
tail	bail	pail	bail
hail	snail	tail	mail

snail	bail	mail	hail
pail	tail	mail	pail
snail	bail	hail	tail

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mail	bail	pail	snail
tail	hail	tail	bail
hail	mail	pail	snail

mail	pail	snail	bail
tail	hail	pail	hail
mail	bail	snail	tail

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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.

yail	bail	snail
tail	fail	pail
mail	hail	zail
vail	gail	

Teacher key Real: hail, mail, pail, snail, tail, bail, fail, gail
Silly: zail, vail, yail

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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).

fail	snail	gail	mail	tail
bail	hail	pail	bail	tail
fail	hail	mail	pail	snail
gail	snail	hail	mail	gail
fail	bail	tail	pail	hail

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hail	snail	fail	gail	pail
bail	tail	mail	bail	snail
hail	pail	gail	tail	mail
fail	snail	tail	hail	mail
fail	pail	gail	bail	mail

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Phonics Dominoes

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



mail



pail



snail



tail



hail

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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.

hail → m → p → sn

mail → p → sn → t

pail → sn → t → b

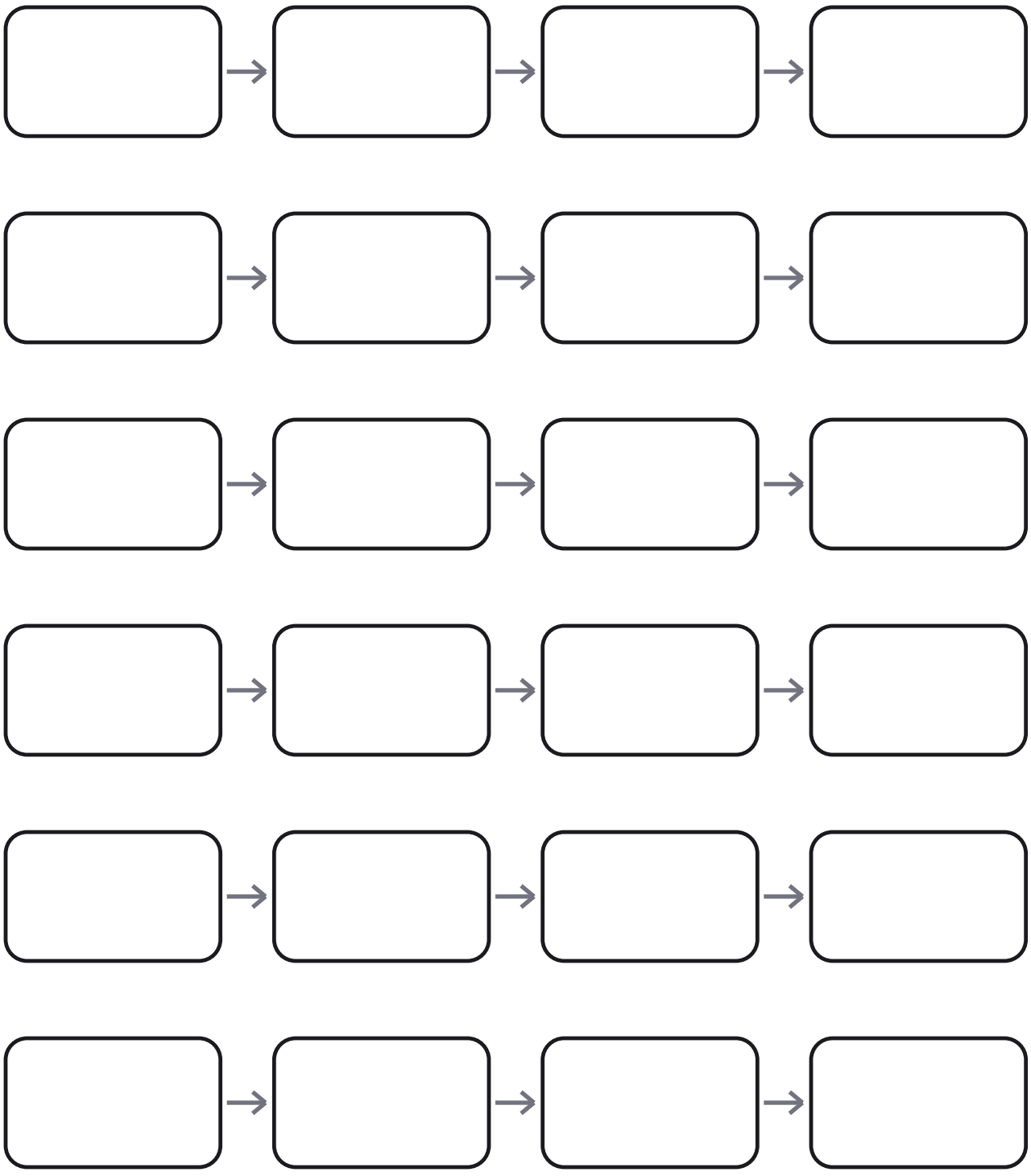
snail → t → b → f

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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: _____

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Sound Box Challenge: Answer Key

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



h | ai | l



m | ai | l



p | ai | l



s | n | ai | l



t | ai | l

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Read, Build, Write

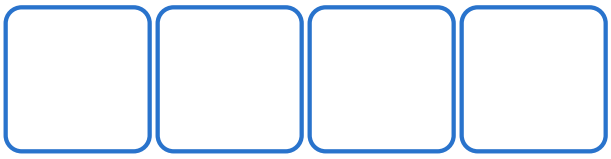
Read the word in the first box. Build it with letter tiles. Write it on the line.

Name: _____

Read

hail

Build

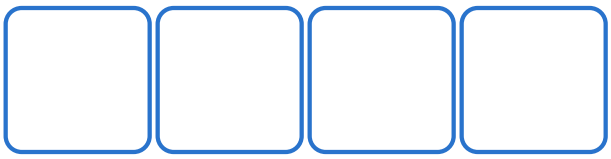


Write _____

Read

mail

Build

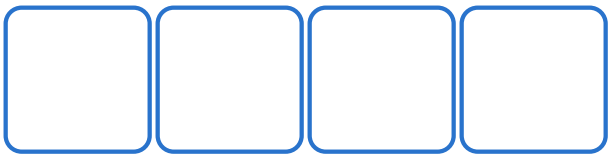


Write _____

Read

pail

Build

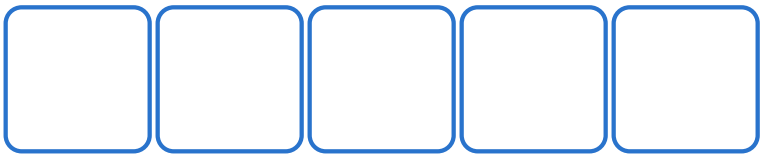


Write _____

Read

snail

Build

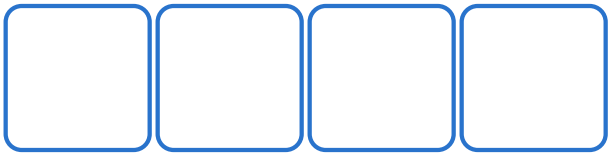


Write _____

Read

tail

Build



Write _____

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Read, Build, Write: Letter Tiles

Cut out the tiles. Vowels are red.

a	i	h	l	m	n	p	s
t							

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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.











Your choice!

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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.

hail	mail	pail
snail	tail	

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Word Hunt: Matching Mat

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

Name: _____









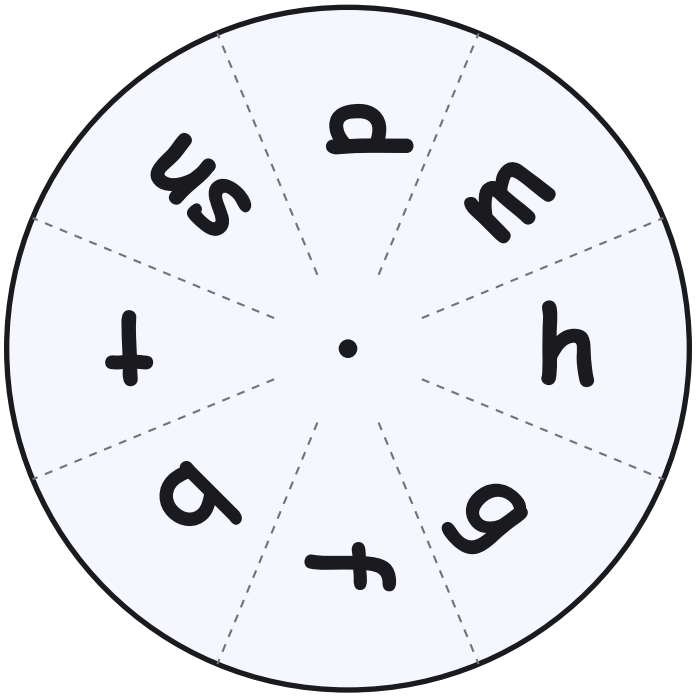


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Word Family Wheel: -ail

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.











hail

mail

pail

snail

tail

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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.

snail	tail	mail
bail	fail	pail
gail	hail	hail

snail	pail	hail
bail	fail	mail
gail	tail	tail

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