Phonics Centers Pack

Lesson 56: The Pool (-ool)

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.

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

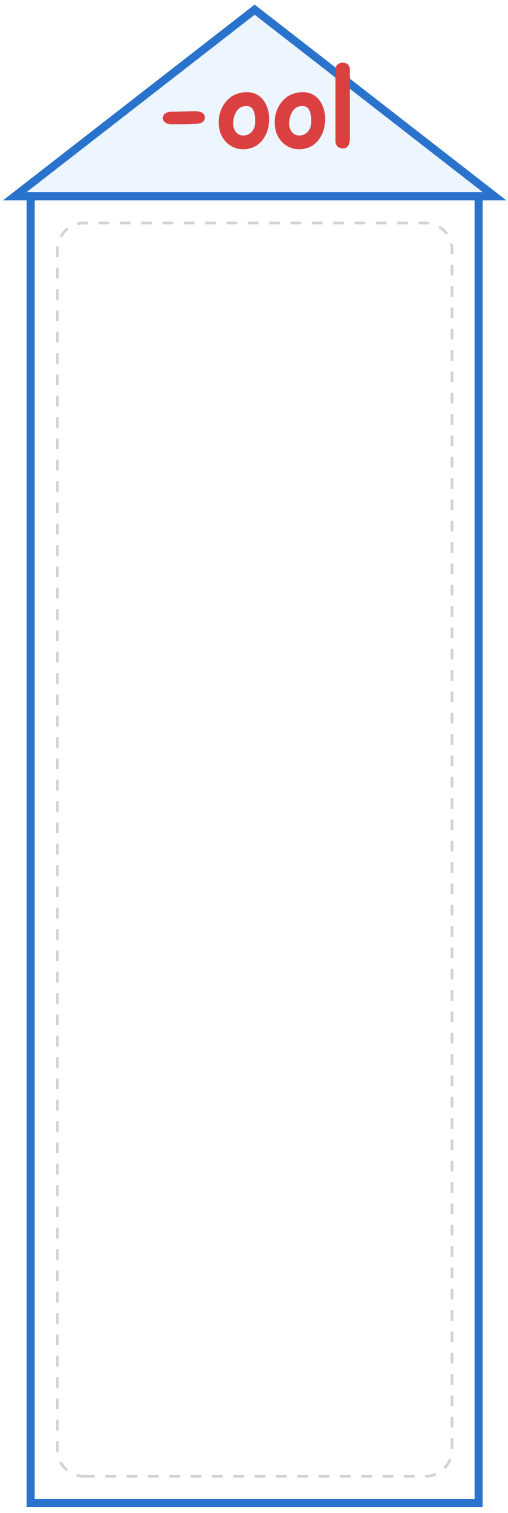
Lay all the cards face down. Turn over two cards. If a picture matches its word, keep the pair.

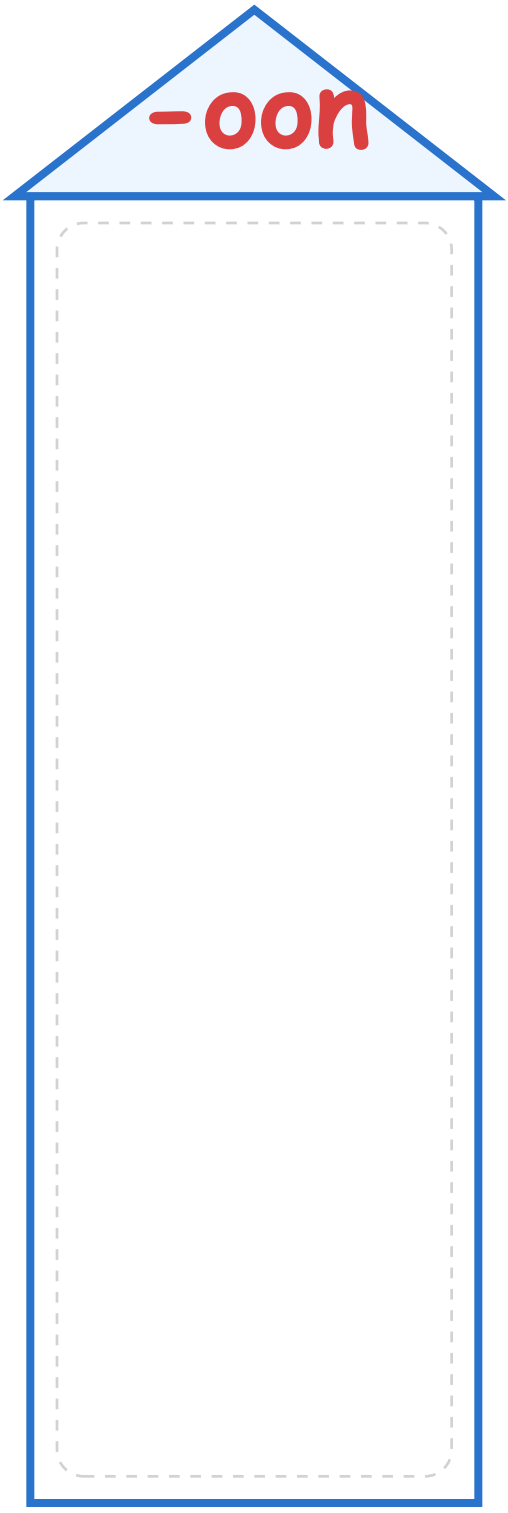
Also for this lesson on the lesson page: story and homework, flashcards, word building picture cards, Write the Room, bingo and sight word games.

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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.



pool



tool



school



moon



noon



spoon

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Clip the Word

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



school

tool

pool



pool

school

tool



pool

school

cool

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Clip the Word: Answer Key

The correct word for each picture.



pool



tool



school

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Roll and Read

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



cool	pool	tool	school	pool	school
cool	tool	school	cool	tool	pool
tool	pool	school	cool	school	pool
cool	tool	school	cool	tool	pool
school	pool	cool	tool	cool	pool
school	tool	school	tool	cool	pool

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Word and Picture Puzzles

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



pool



tool

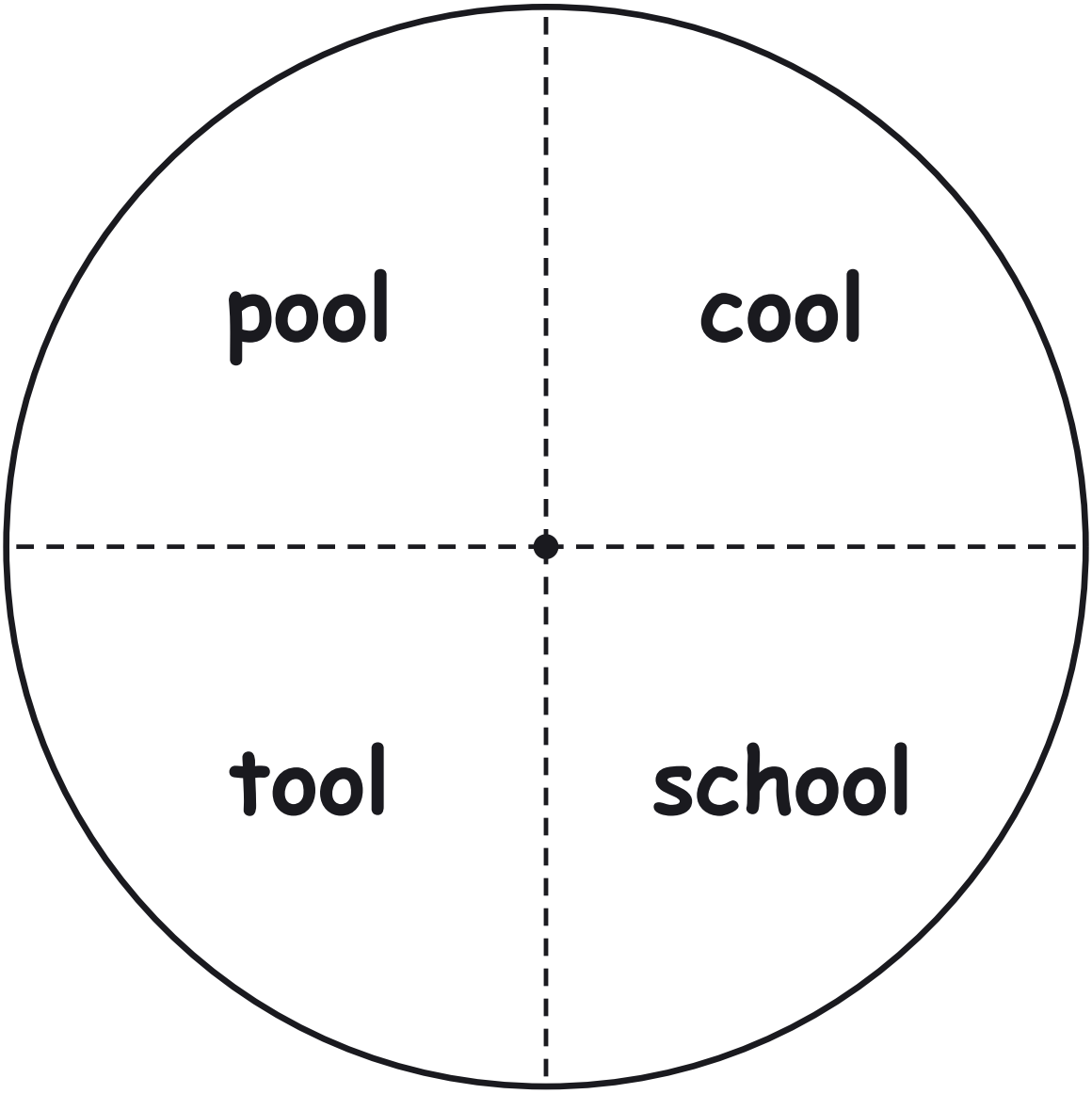


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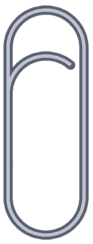
Spin and Cover: Spinner

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.

pool	cool	tool	school
tool	school	cool	pool
cool	tool	school	pool

school	pool	tool	cool
pool	school	cool	tool
school	tool	cool	pool

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Spin and Cover: Game Boards

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

school	cool	tool	pool
tool	school	pool	cool
school	cool	tool	pool

cool	tool	pool	school
tool	pool	school	cool
tool	pool	cool	school

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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.

pool	zool	yool
tool	vool	school
cool		

Teacher key Real: pool, tool, school, cool
Silly: zool, vool, yool

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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).

pool	school	cool	tool	school
tool	cool	pool	tool	cool
pool	school	tool	school	cool
pool	cool	tool	pool	school
tool	cool	school	pool	tool

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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).

tool	cool	pool	school	cool
pool	school	tool	cool	pool
school	tool	cool	tool	pool
school	tool	school	pool	cool
pool	school	cool	tool	school

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Phonics Dominoes

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



tool



school

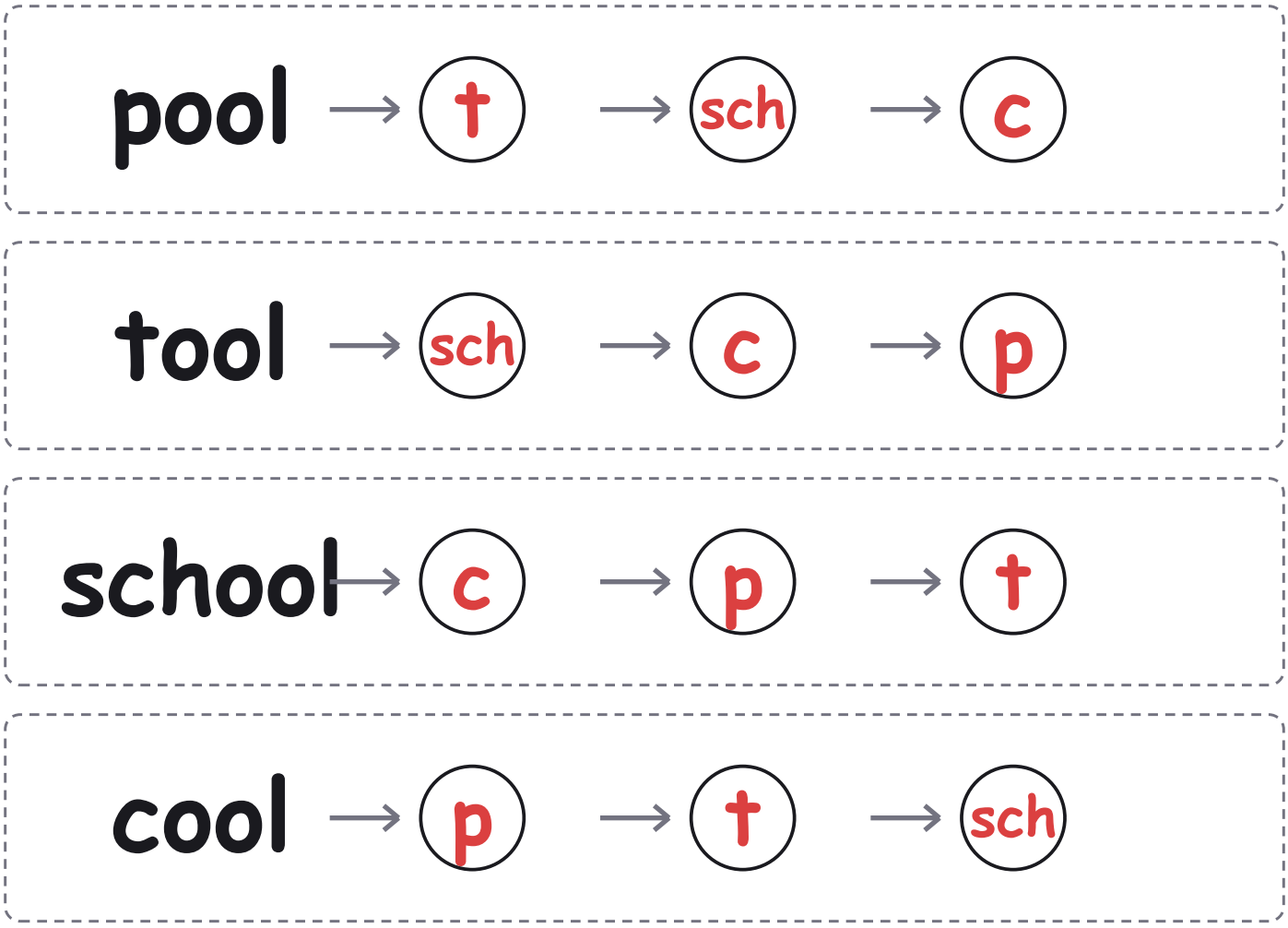


pool

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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.

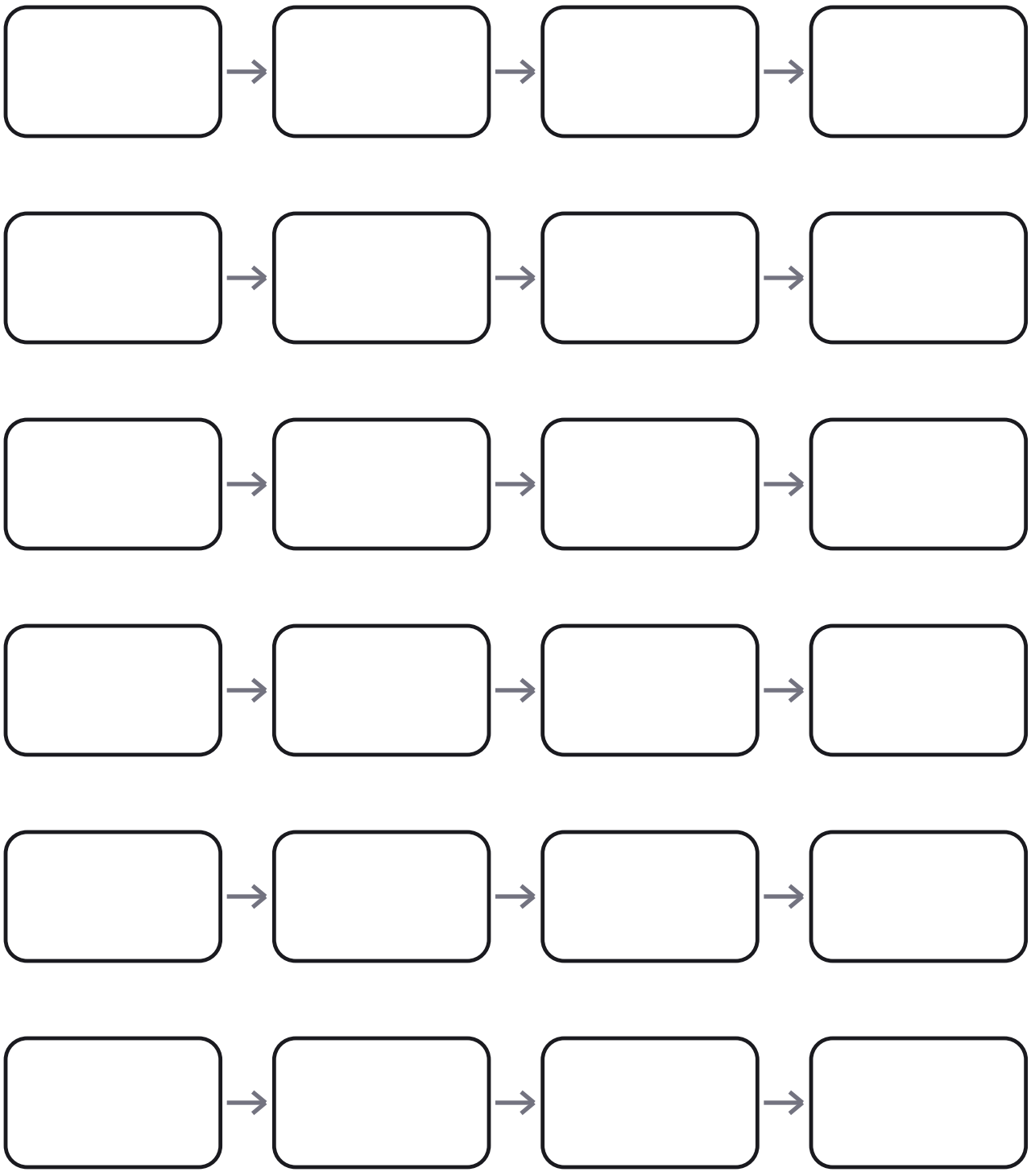


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Change One Sound: Recording Mat

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: _____

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Sound Box Challenge: Answer Key

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



p | oo | l



t | oo | l



s | ch | oo | l

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Read, Build, Write

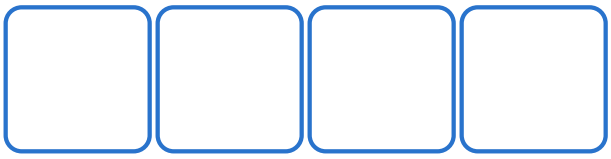
Read the word in the first box. Build it with letter tiles. Write it on the line.

Name: _____

Read

pool

Build

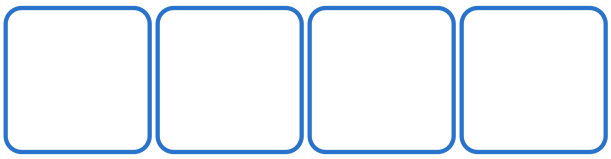


Write _____

Read

tool

Build

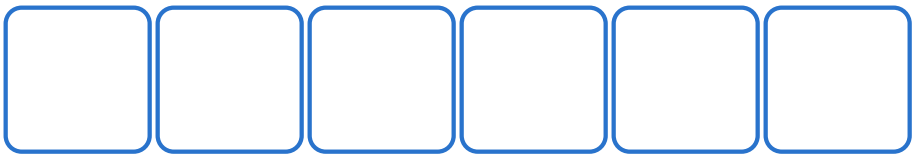


Write _____

Read

school

Build

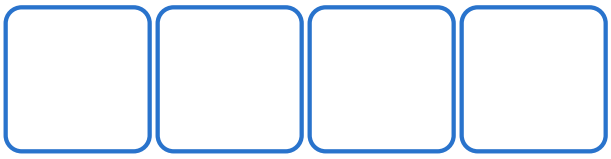


Write _____

Read

cool

Build



Write _____

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Read, Build, Write: Letter Tiles

Cut out the tiles. Vowels are red.

o	o	c	h	l	p	s	t

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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.

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Word Hunt: Matching Mat

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

Name: _____



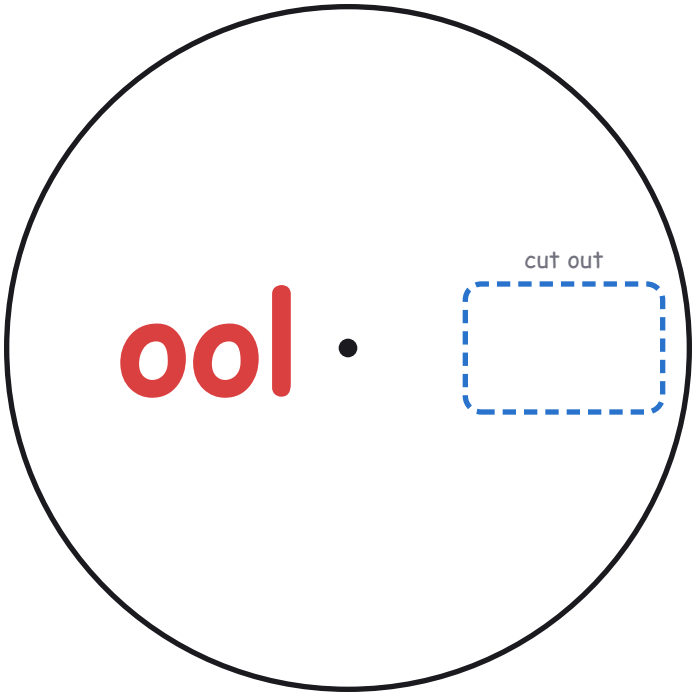


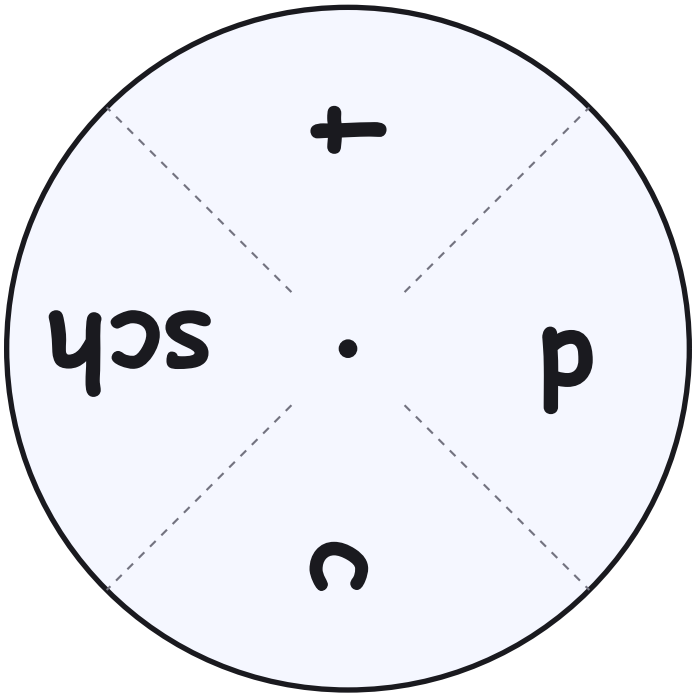


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Word Family Wheel: -ool

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.







pool

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