

Spelling Blacklines

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1. Spelling Strategy: Review of Short Vowels

When a word has one vowel at the beginning or between two consonants it will often have a short vowel sound. The letters ck, as in black, are often used after a short vowel. Long vowel words like week, and words with consonants before the ending like bank, just use k.

2. Word List:

Pattern Words	Sight Words
mess	black
hold	does
add	hundred
next	along
must	
head	



3. Word Sort:

Write the pattern and sight words under the key word with the same vowel.

cap 

bell 

fin 

mop 

bug 

4. Anaconda Game:

Play the anaconda game. Write the name of the picture on the line.

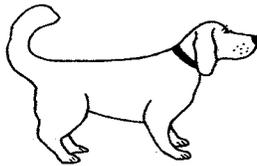
	r _____	
	h _____	
	a _____	
	j _____	

100	h _____	
	b _____	
	t _____	
	s _____	

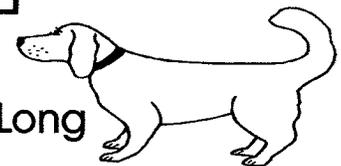
5. Short or Long?

Say the words. Do they have a short or long vowel sound? Write the words under the short or long dog.

at	ate	us	use
cub	cube	kit	kite
hid	hide	cap	cape
back	bake	hop	hope
hug	huge	pan	pain



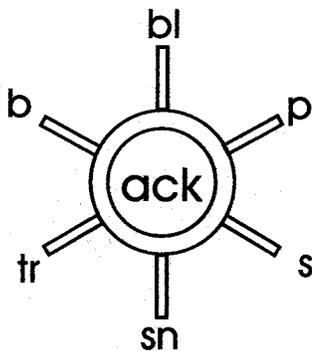
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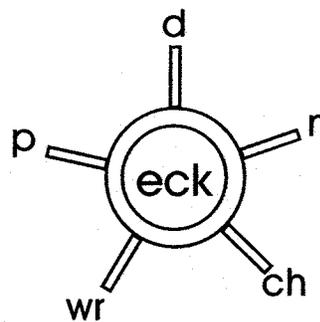
Long

6. Word Wheels:

Match the letters with the spelling patterns to make new words. Write the words on the line.



- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____



- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

a) _____
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 f) _____

a) _____
 b) _____
 c) _____
 d) _____
 e) _____
 f) _____

7. ck or k?

Words with short vowels spell the final /k/ sound ck. Long vowel words spelled with two vowels spell the final /k/ sound with just k. Finish each word with ck or k.

- | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| soa _____ | clo _____ | thin _____ | sna _____ | skun _____ |
| mil _____ | bea _____ | stu _____ | wee _____ | san _____ |
| brea _____ | lea _____ | stea _____ | si _____ | du _____ |

8. Sentence Puzzles:



Use list words to finish the sentences.

- She walked a _____ the path to her grandmother's house.
- We m _____ take a break soon.
- When d _____ the n _____ bus come?
- There are more than one h _____ animals at the zoo.
- Who made this big m _____ on the floor?
- He tried to h _____ the big box.



9. X-Ray Eyes:

Use your x-ray eyes to fill in the missing letters.

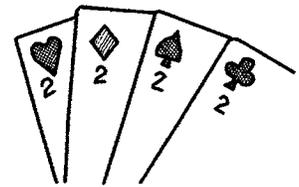
- d ___ s ___ l ___ g bl ___ ___ h ___ ndr ___ d

1. Spelling Strategy: Review of Consonant Blends

Consonant blends are two consonant letters that appear together in a word. You can hear each letter in a consonant blend. Example: close, clothes, (note the /th/ sound in clothes). In the compound word almost, the second l is dropped.

2. Word List:

Pattern Words	Sight Words
smile	plant
friends	close
space	almost
trick	grow
clothes	last



3. Word Sort:

Write the pattern and sight words under the same consonant blend.

cl_ 

pl_ 

fr_ 

gr_ 

tr_ 

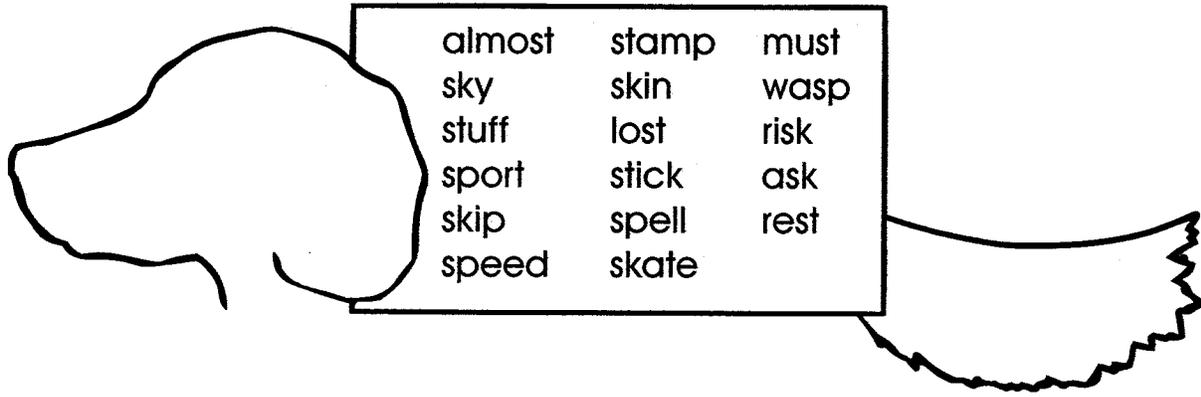
sm_ 

sp_ 

st_ 

4. Heads or Tails:

The words in the box begin or end with an s blend. Look to see where the s blend is. Write them under the head or tail.



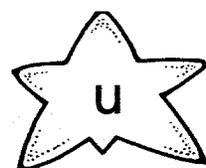
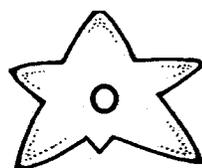
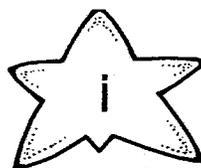
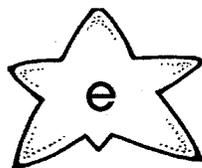
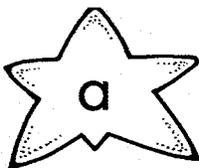
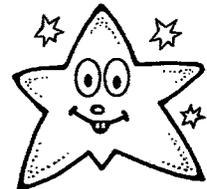
Heads

Tails

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

5. Twinkle, Twinkle:

Fill in the missing vowels to make words that begin with tw.



tw __ lv __

tw __ g

tw __ c __

tw __ n

tw __ st

6. Homophones – close and clothes:

Say each word slowly. Listen for the /s/ sound in close and the /th/ sound in clothes. Words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings are called homophones. Use each word in a sentence to show its meaning.

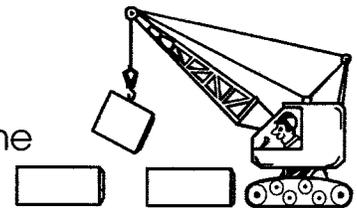
Example: Please **close** the door when you come in.
I am going shopping to buy new **clothes**.

close: _____

clothes: _____

7. Word Building:

Use the letter tiles to build new words. You may use some letter tiles more than once.



ck

nk

ng

mp

ff

sh

bla _____

cla _____

bla _____

cla _____

bli _____

cli _____

blo _____

clo _____

blu _____

clu _____

8. X-Ray Eyes:



Use your x-ray eyes to fill in the missing letters.

pl ___ t

cl _____

__ lm __ st

la _____

gr _____