Hello there!

Hi, I'm Jen Bengel, the creator behind the Out of This World Literacy™ curriculum. I started developing these resources in 2012 while working as a Literacy Collaborative Coordinator, driven by a passion to support teachers with meaningful, research-based materials.

At the time, I was leading a lot of theory-heavy professional development, but the teachers I worked with were craving practical, ready-to-use support. So, I spent that summer—yes, in my pajamas!—writing the very first reading and writing unit. And just like that, Out of This World Literacy™ was born!

I specialize in designing literacy resources for older students who need continued support with foundational reading skills. My materials are thoughtfully created to be age-appropriate, respectful, and engaging—never babyish. My goal is to empower striving readers by helping them build confidence, strengthen their skills, and experience success without shame. I believe every learner deserves the dignity of materials that honor where they are and support where they're going.

My Educational Background Includes:

1. A **Bachelors Degree** in Elementary Education (K-8)
   *** University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh*
2. A **Graduate Degree** in Reading Education (K-12)
   *** University of South Alabama*
3. A **Post-Graduate Degree** as a Literacy Collaborative Coordinator.
   *** I trained with Irene Fountas and her colleagues at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA*

Ever since I began OOTWL, my motto has always been...

Every student who learns from a resource I've created is MY STUDENT too.

I deeply value the responsibility of supporting teachers as they educate students around the world. It's truly an honor to partner with you, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to help make this your best year yet!

Happy Teaching!

Jen Bengel



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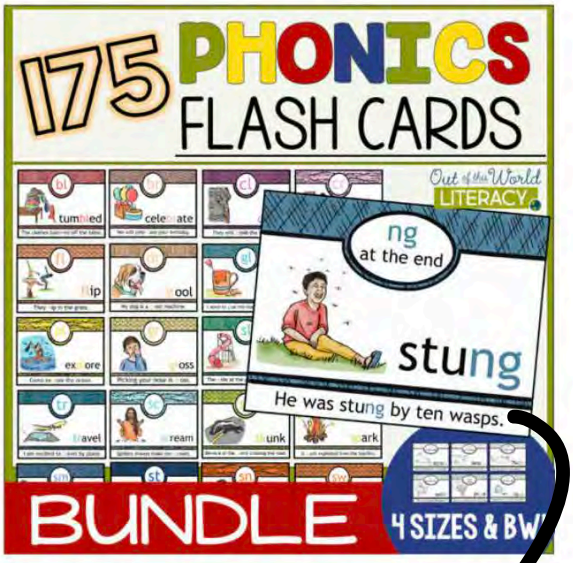
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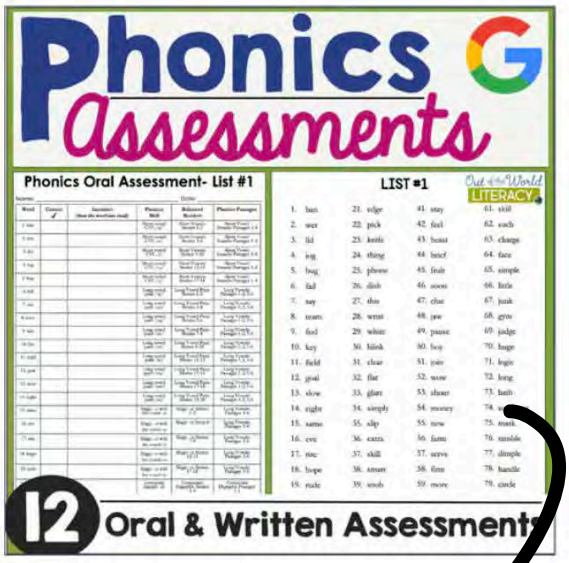
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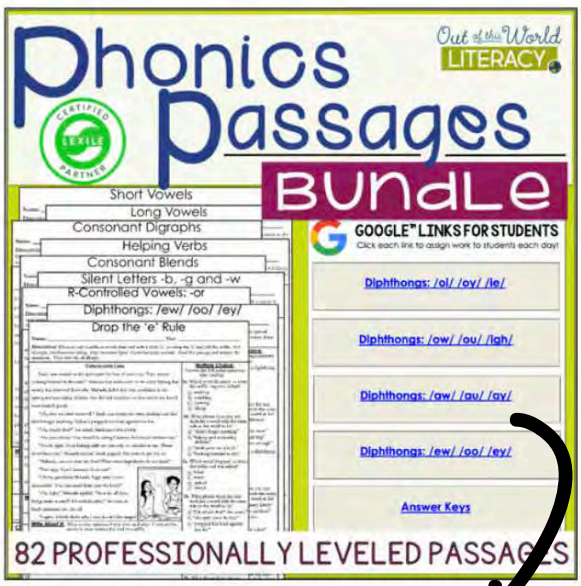


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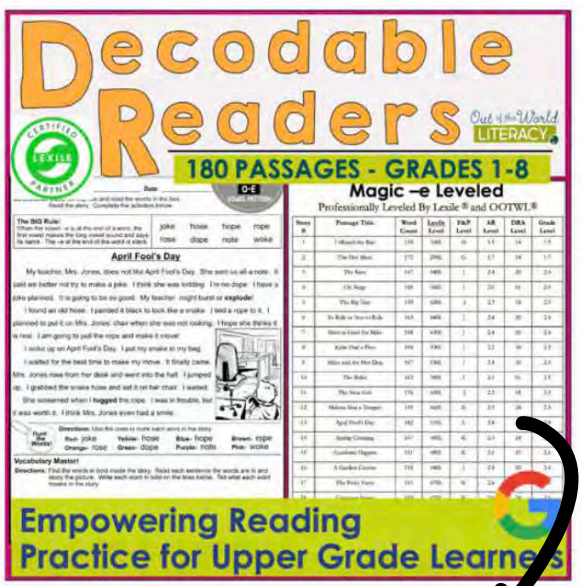


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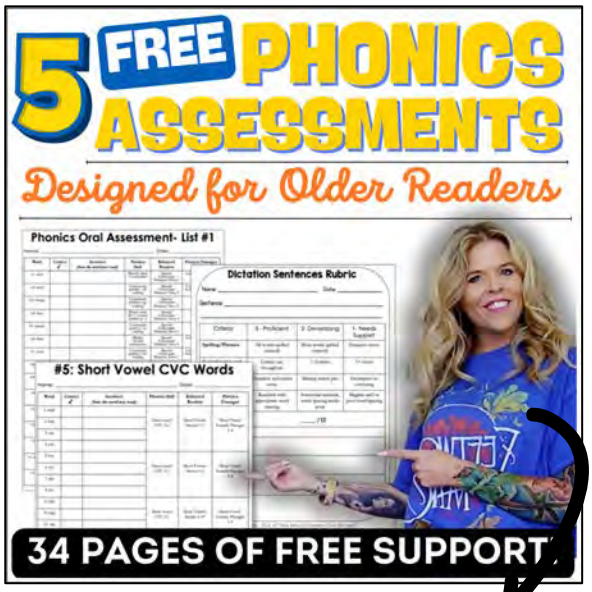


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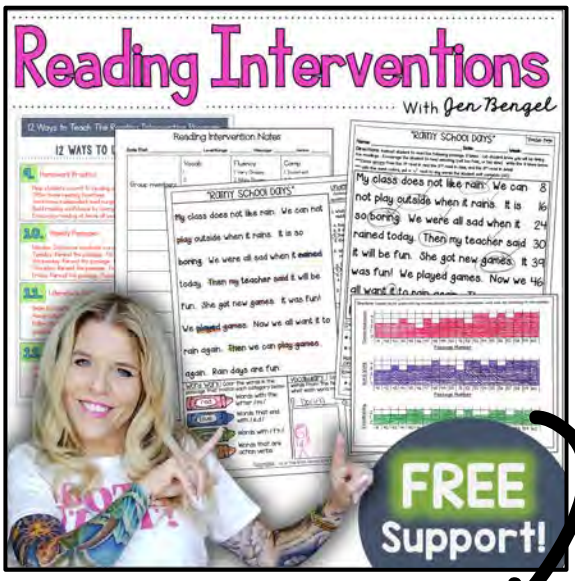


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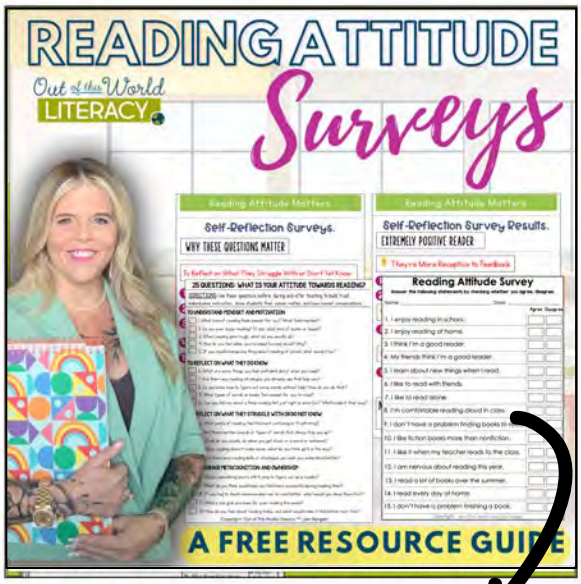


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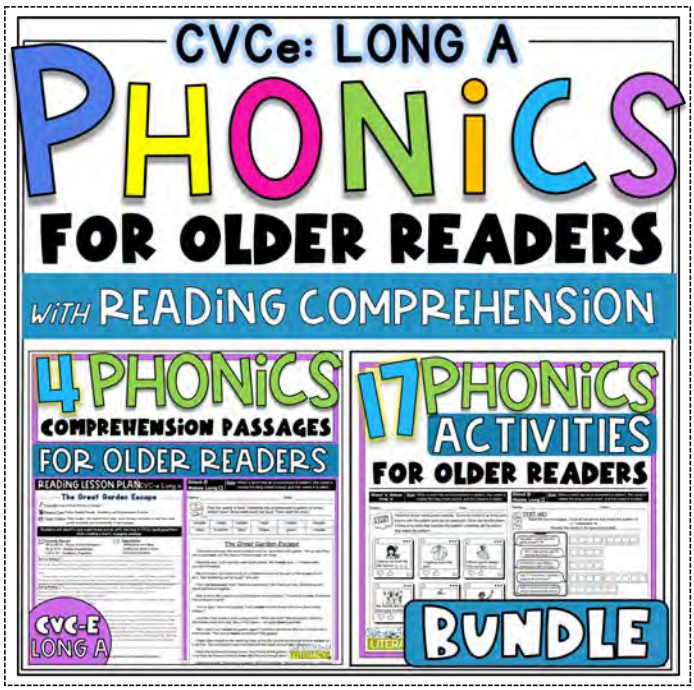


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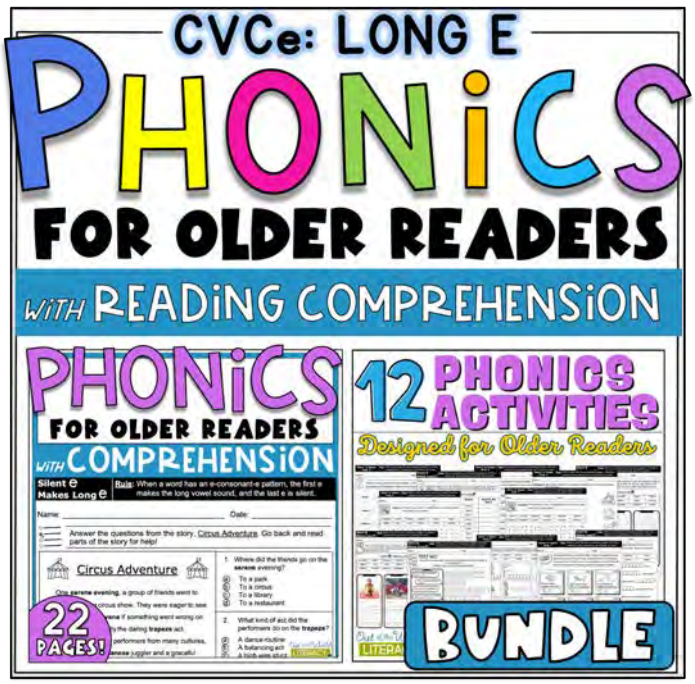
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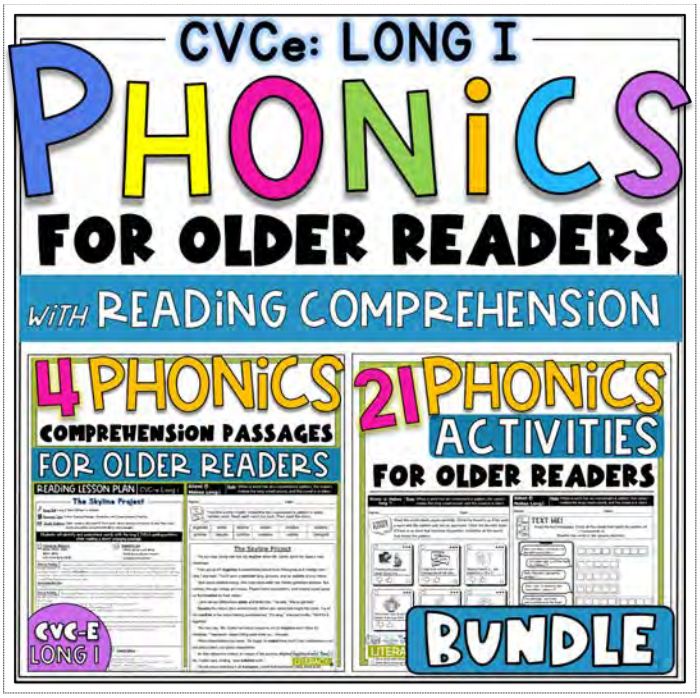
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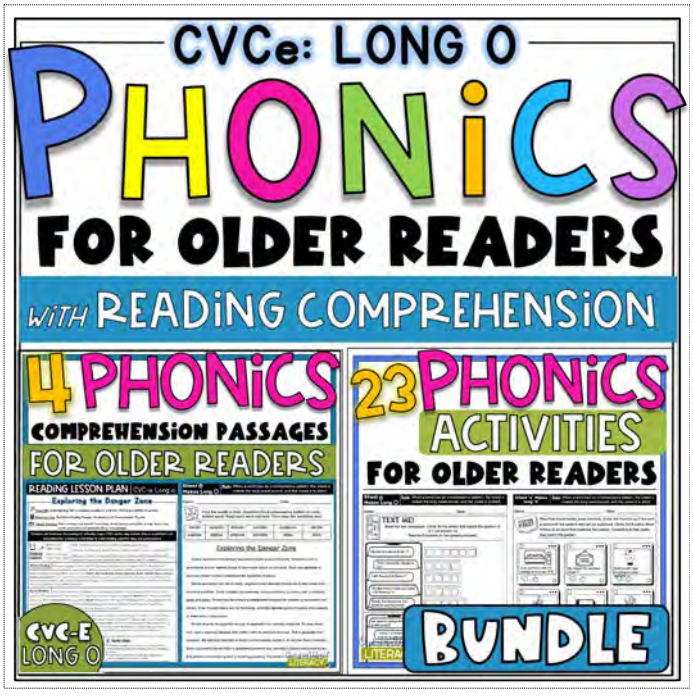
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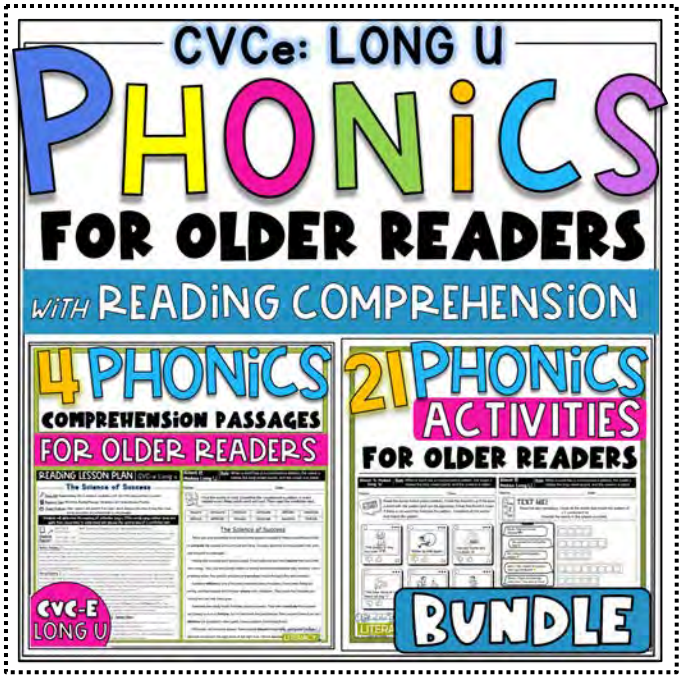
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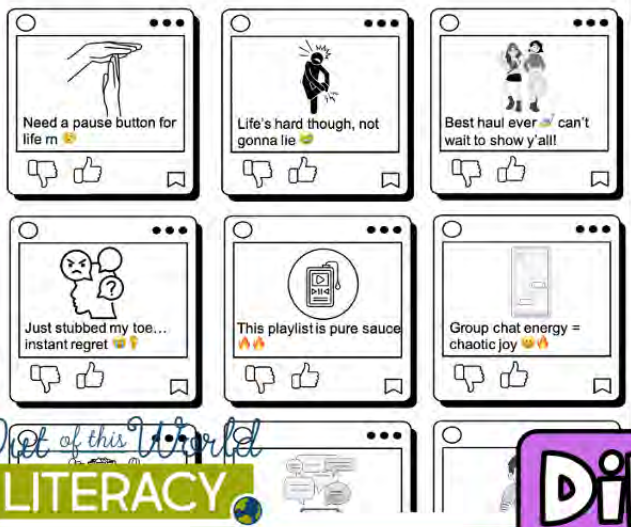
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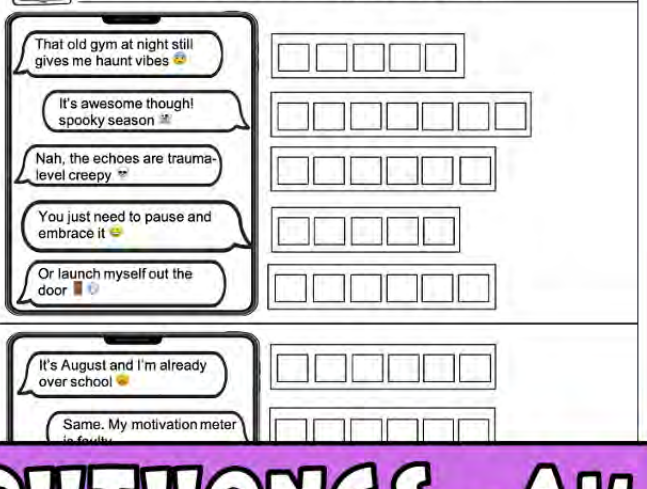
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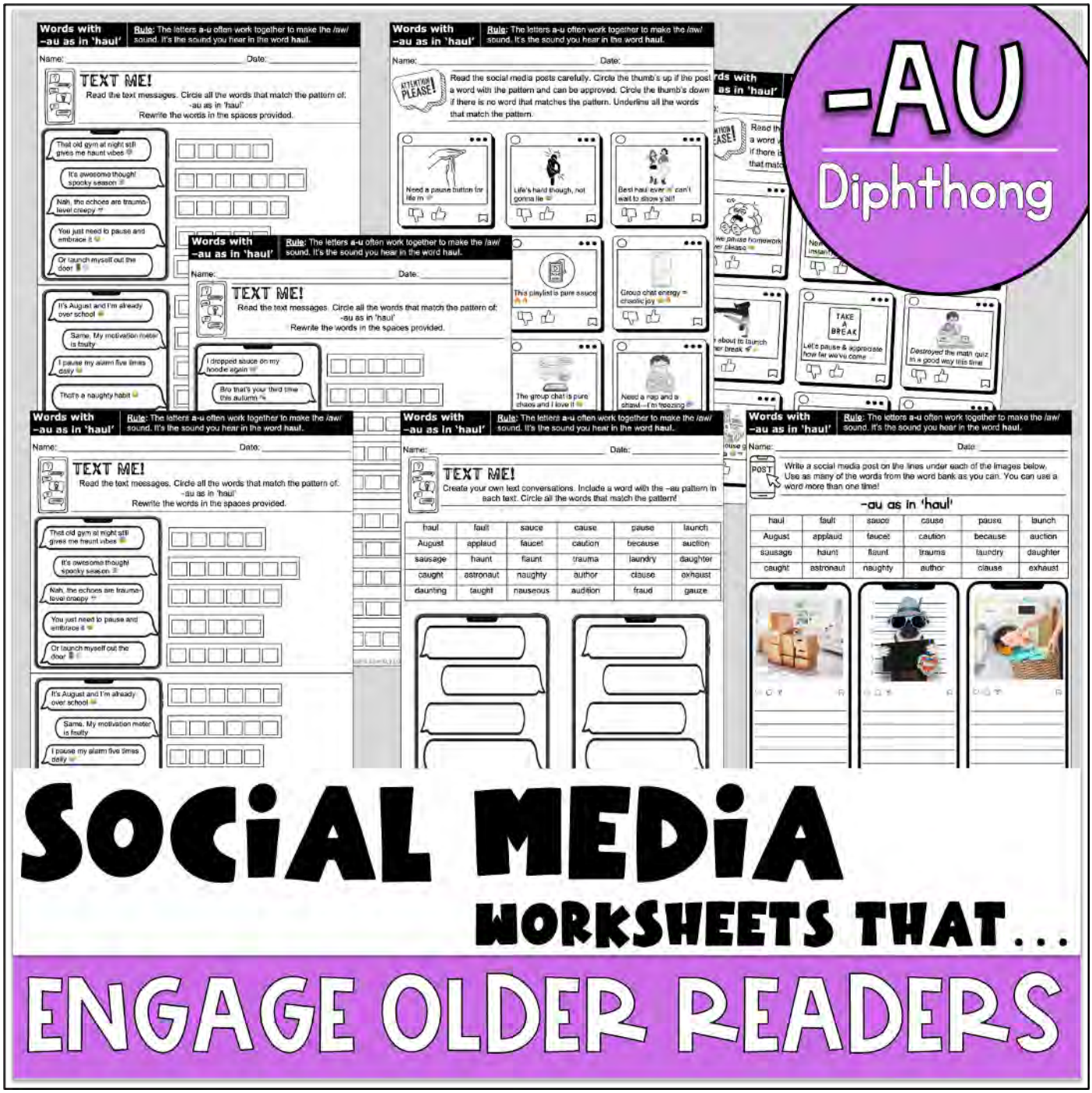
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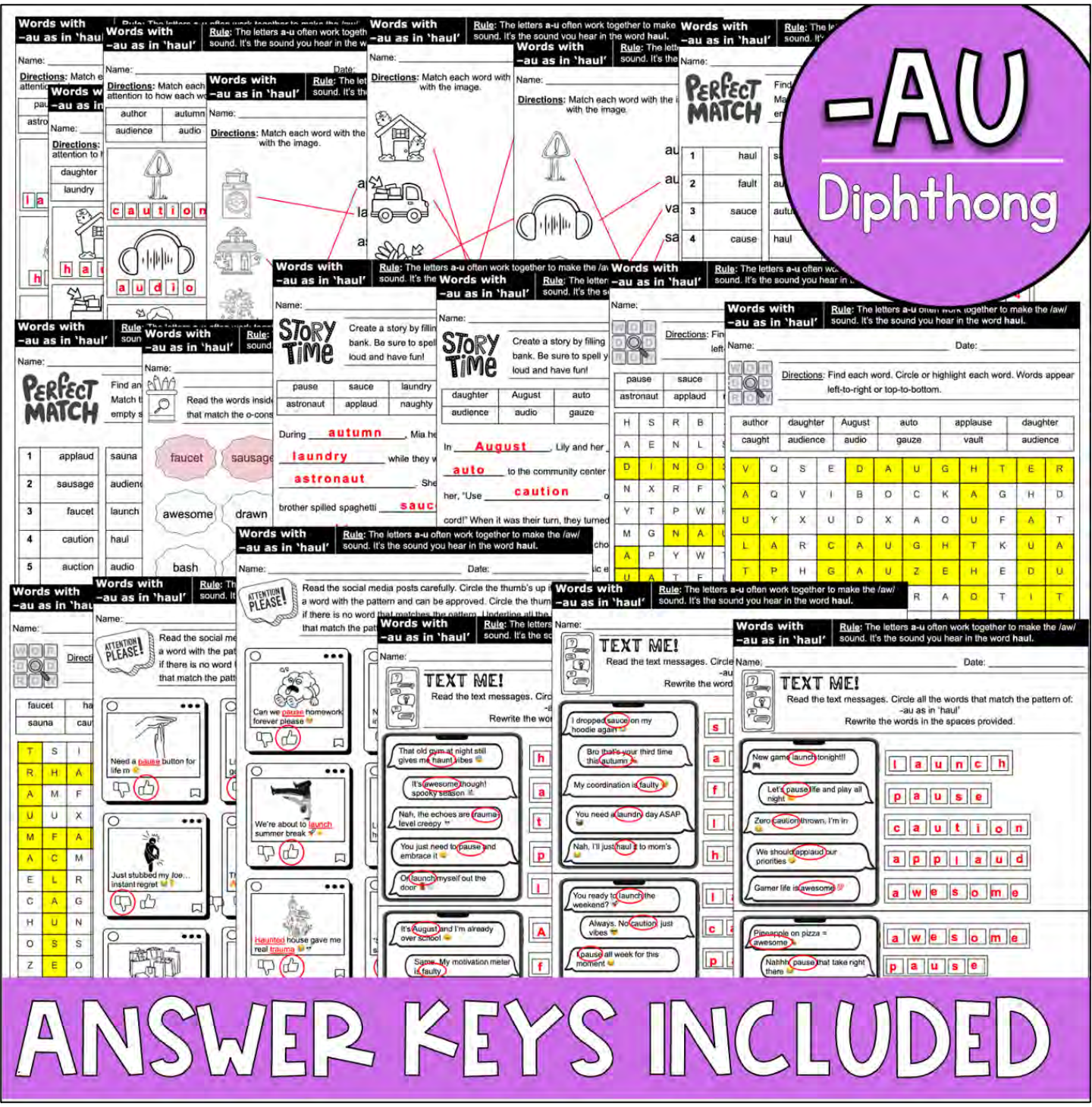
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TOTAL WORKSHEETS
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SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHEETS THAT...

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ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED

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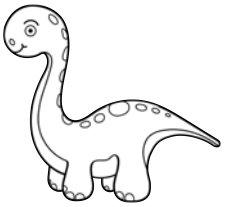
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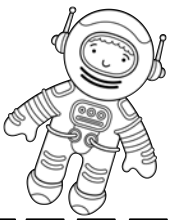
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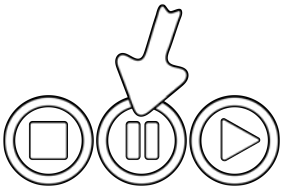
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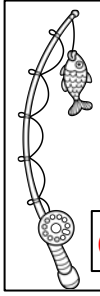
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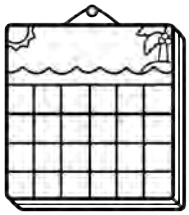
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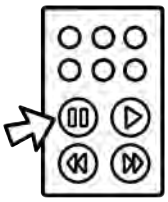
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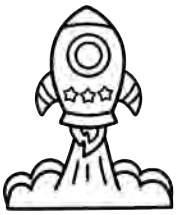
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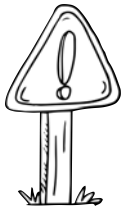
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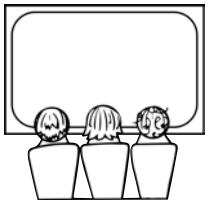
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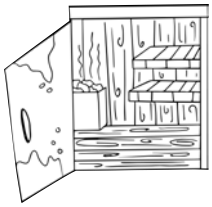
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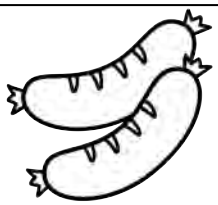
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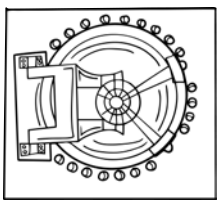
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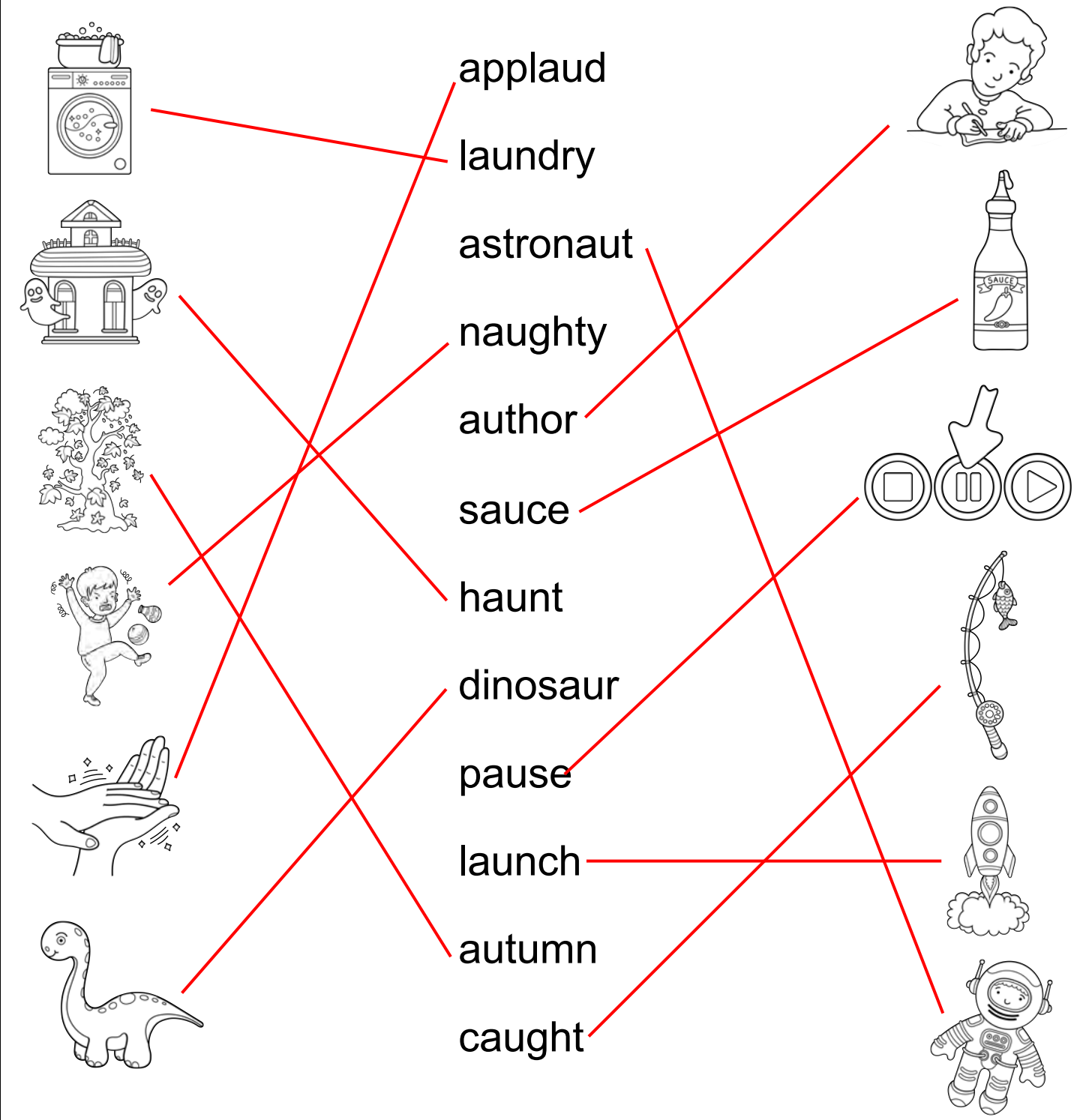
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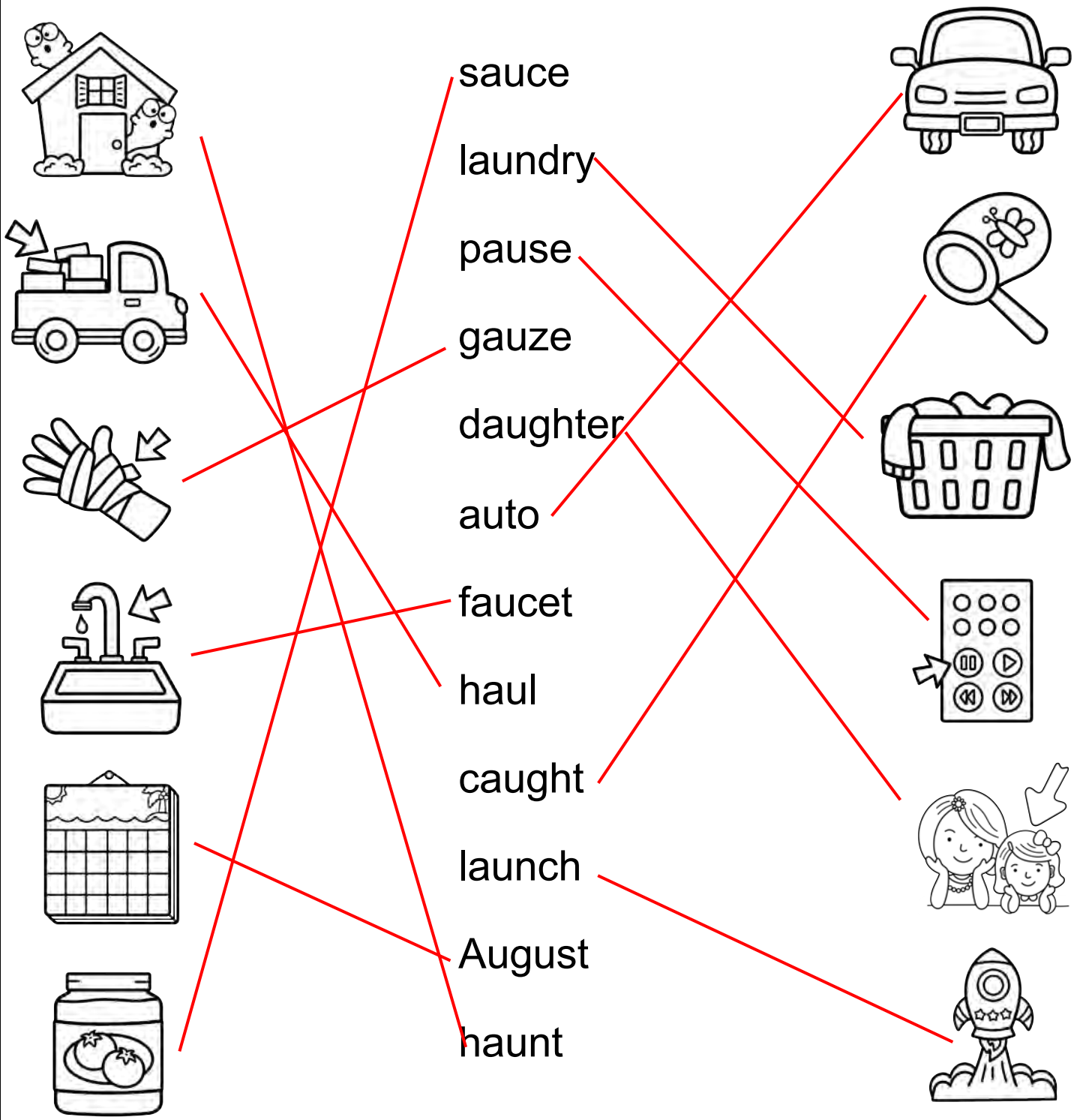
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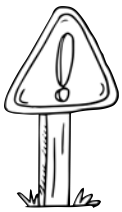
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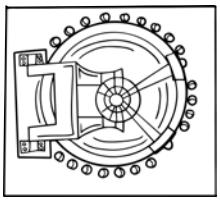
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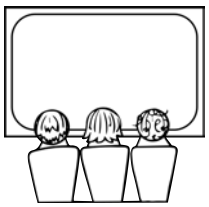
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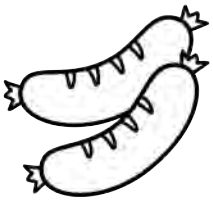












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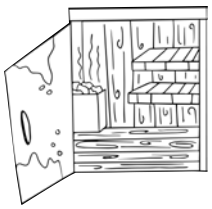
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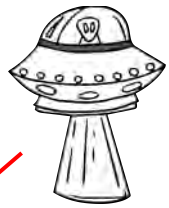
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			Number
1	haul	sauce	3
2	fault	author	8
3	sauce	autumn	11
4	cause	haul	1
5	pause	astronaut	12
6	launch	August	7
7	August	audience	10
8	author	fault	2
9	laundry	pause	5
10	audience	cause	4
11	autumn	laundry	9
12	astronaut	launch	6

			Number
1	jaunt	distraught	8
2	clause	because	12
3	applaud	trauma	10
4	gaunt	exhaust	7
5	gauze	haunt	11
6	flaunt	gaunt	4
7	exhaust	daunting	9
8	distraught	jaunt	1
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2	sausage	audience	6
3	faucet	launch	10
4	caution	haul	12
5	auction	audio	7
6	audience	caution	4
7	audio	laundry	11
8	vault	faucet	3
9	sauna	auction	5
10	launch	sausage	6
11	laundry	applaud	1
12	haul	vault	8

			Number
1	fraud	naughty	11
2	audit	taught	4
3	caught	saucer	9
4	taught	nausea	8
5	faulty	clause	7
6	trauma	daughter	12
7	clause	audition	10
8	nausea	faulty	5
9	saucer	caught	3
10	audition	fraud	1
11	naughty	trauma	6
12	daughter	audit	2

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Read the words inside each shape carefully. Color the shapes with words that match the o-consonant-e pattern. Answer the challenge question.

faucet	sausage	applaud	caution	audience
awesome	drawn	audio	stay	may
bash	toast	vault	float	name
clap	claim	sauna	gone	fawn
became	today	launch	jaw	outside
shawl	pain	haul	play	tape

CHALLENGE

What letter do the colored in shapes spell? T



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Create a story by filling in the blanks with words from your word bank. Be sure to spell your words correctly. Read your story out loud and have fun!

pause	sauce	laundry	launch	haunt	author
astronaut	applaud	naughty	dinosaurs	autumn	caught

During autumn, Mia helped her mom fold the laundry while they watched a space movie about an astronaut. She had to pause it when her little brother spilled spaghetti sauce all over the floor. "You are so naughty sometimes!" Mia sighed, handing him a towel. Later that day, Mia and her class went to see a famous author who wrote books about space and dinosaurs. The author talked about bravery, teamwork, and never giving up — even when a rocket launch goes wrong. When the presentation ended, everyone began to applaud. Mia caught herself smiling and thought, *Maybe I'll be an astronaut-author one day!* That night, as the wind whistled through the trees, the old stories from the library seemed to haunt her dreams — in the best possible way.

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Create a story by filling in the blanks with words from your word bank. Be sure to spell your words correctly. Read your story out loud and have fun!

daughter	August	auto	applause	faucet	haul
audience	audio	gauze	vault	sauna	caution

In August, Lily and her daughter drove their auto to the community center for the summer talent show. Lily reminded her, "Use caution on the stage—don't trip over the microphone cord!" When it was their turn, they turned on the audio track and performed a funny song about doing chores. The audience laughed and cheered. When the music ended, the room filled with applause. Afterward, they washed the paint off their hands at the faucet backstage. Lily handed her daughter a bandage and some gauze for a tiny scrape. They stopped by the gym's hot sauna before heading home, relaxed and happy after their big haul of prizes. As they passed the school's trophy vault, Lily smiled. "Next year," she said, "we're going for the grand prize!"

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astronaut	applaud	naughty	dinosaurs	autumn	astronaut

H	S	R	B	J	V	X	R	S	A	U	C	E	K
A	E	N	L	S	I	X	U	W	J	I	N	I	I
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author	daughter	August	auto	applause	daughter
caught	audience	audio	gauze	vault	audience

V	Q	S	E	D	A	U	G	H	T	E	R
A	Q	V	I	B	O	C	K	A	G	H	D
U	Y	X	U	D	X	A	O	U	F	A	T
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faucet	haul	fraud	faulty	clause	saucer
sauna	caution	audit	trauma	nausea	audition

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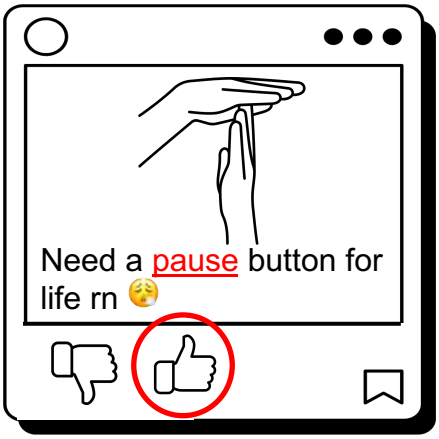
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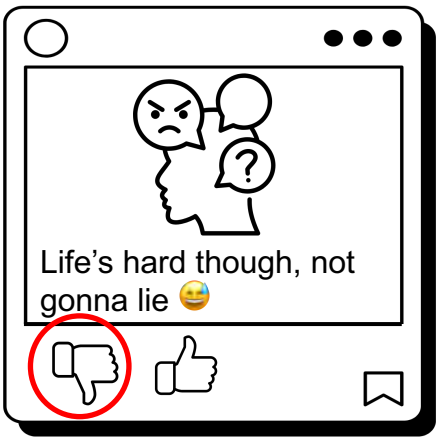
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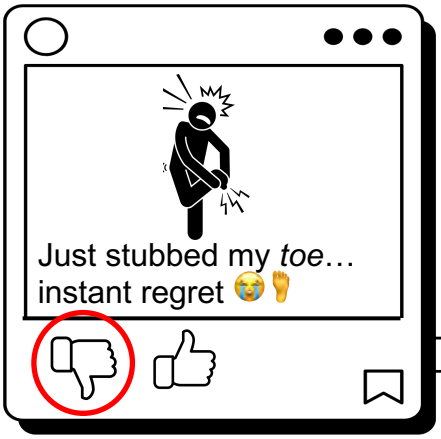
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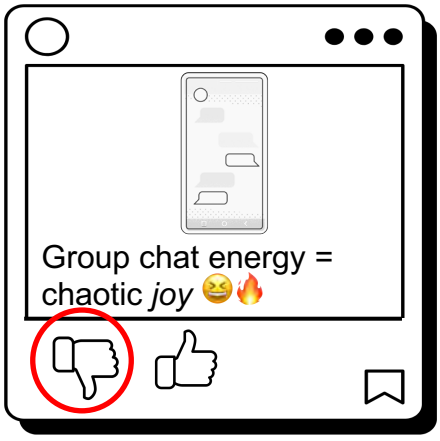




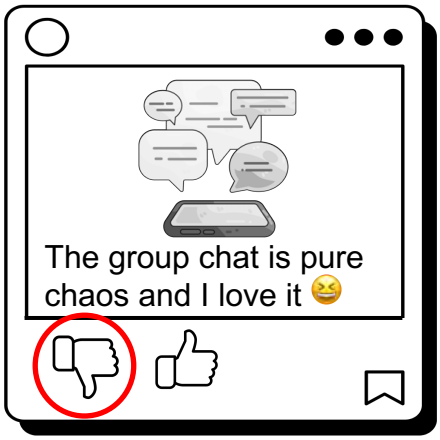














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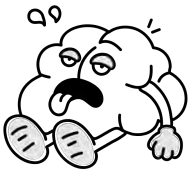
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Can we pause homework forever please 🥺



New shoes unlocked = instant joy 🪽🐓



Spilled my drink… it's all sauce now 😩



We're about to launch summer break 🚀☀️



Let's pause & appreciate how far we've come 🌫️



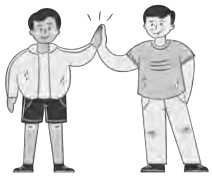
Destroyed the math quiz in a good way this time



Haunted house gave me real trauma 😭💀



"Still in awe of last night's sunset 🌅



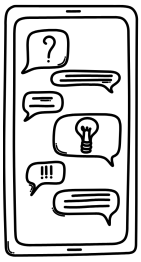
Can we applaud how *awesome* we look? 👏🤷‍♀️

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Rewrite the words in the spaces provided.

That old gym at night still gives me haunt vibes 😨

It's awesome though! spooky season 👻

Nah, the echoes are trauma-level creepy 💀

You just need to pause and embrace it 😆

Or launch myself out the door 🚪💨

h a u n t s

a w e s o m e

t r a u m a

p a u s e

l a u n c h

It's August and I'm already over school 😩

Same. My motivation meter is faulty

I pause my alarm five times daily 😂

That's a naughty habit 😆

I'll haul myself up... eventually 😴

A u g u s t

f a u l t y

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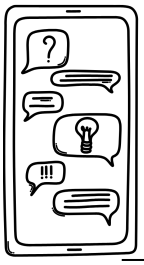
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I dropped sauce on my hoodie again 🥵

s a u c e

Bro that's your third time this autumn 🍂

a u t u m n

My coordination is faulty 🤪

f a u l t y

You need a laundry day ASAP 🧺

l a u n d r y

Nah, I'll just haul it to mom's 😂

h a u l

You ready to launch the weekend? 🚀

l a u n c h

Always. No caution, just vibes 😎

c a u t i o n

I pause all week for this moment 😂

p a u s e

We should applaud our dedication to fun 👏

a p p l a u d

Facts. No faulty energy allowed 🐓

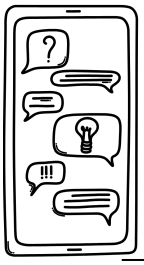
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New game launch tonight!! 🎮

Let's pause life and play all night 😏

Zero caution thrown, I'm in 😂

We should applaud our priorities 🤣

Gamer life is awesome 💯

l	a	u	n	c	h

p	a	u	s	e

c	a	u	t	i	o	n

a	p	p	l	a	u	d

a	w	e	s	o	m	e

Pineapple on pizza = awesome 🍍

Nahhh, pause that take right there 😂

What about extra sauce?

Okay fine, that I'll applaud 👏

Then we're good. Haul me a slice 🍕

a	w	e	s	o	m	e

p	a	u	s	e

s	a	u	c	e

a	p	p	l	a	u	d

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