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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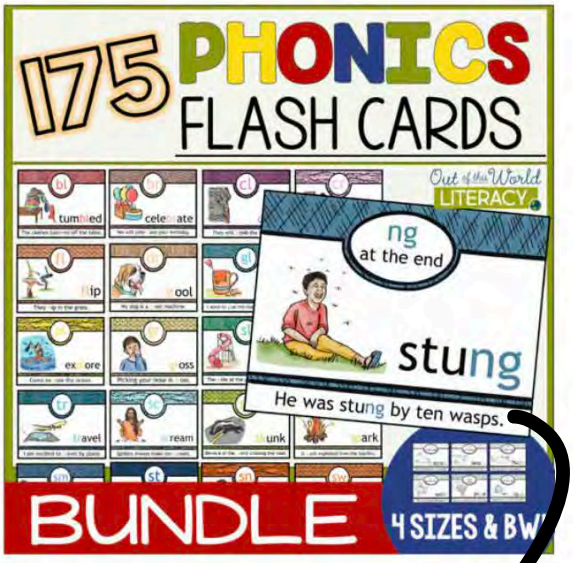
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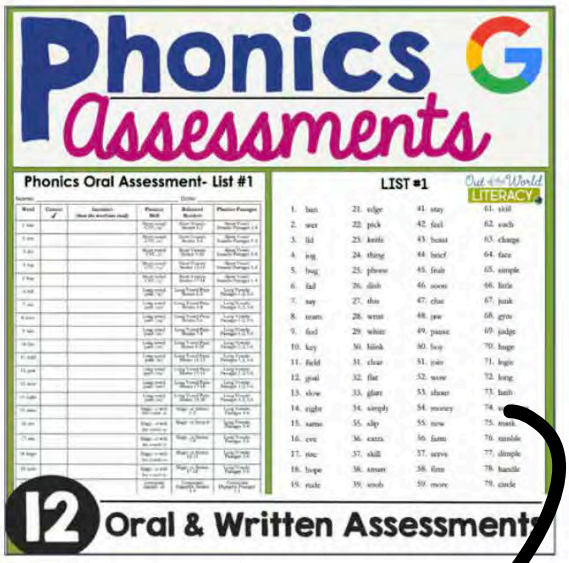
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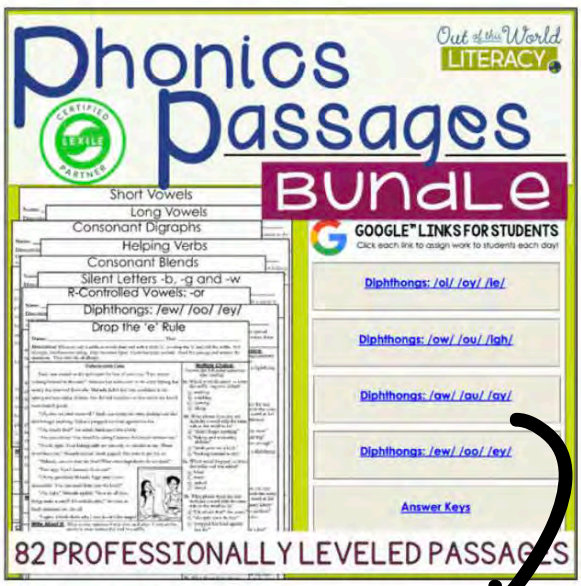


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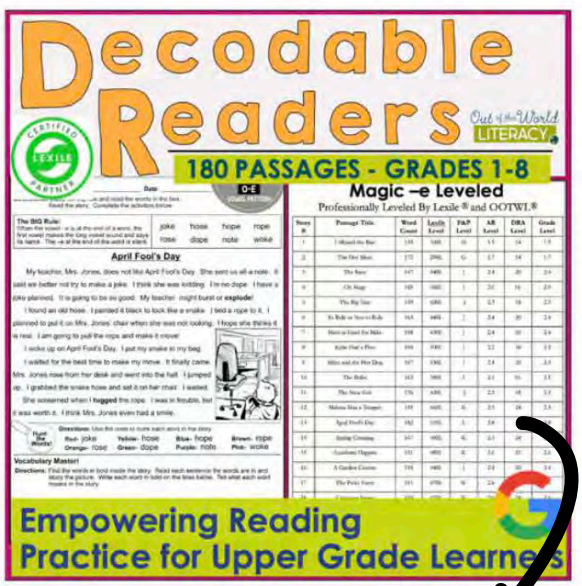


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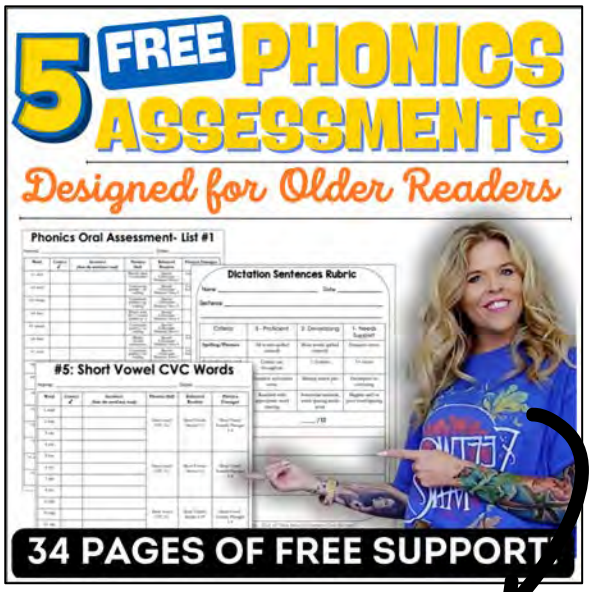


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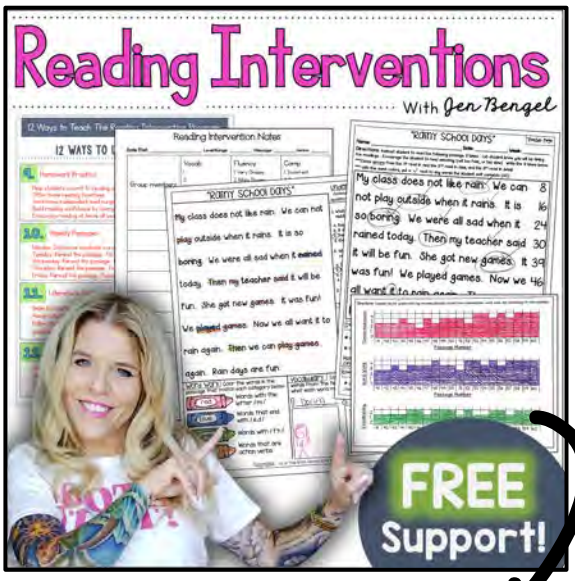


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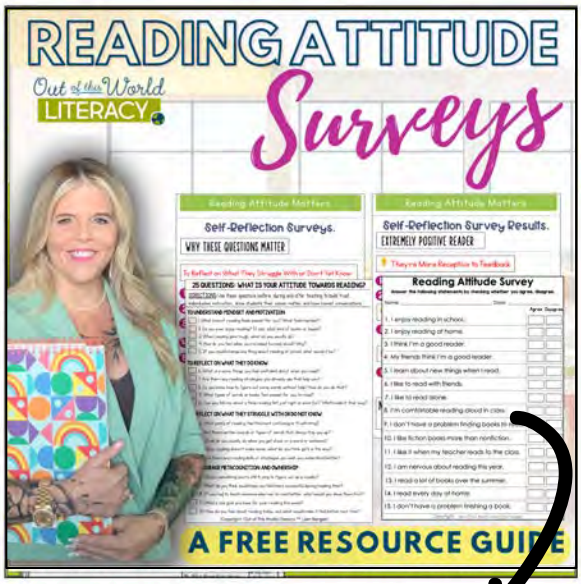


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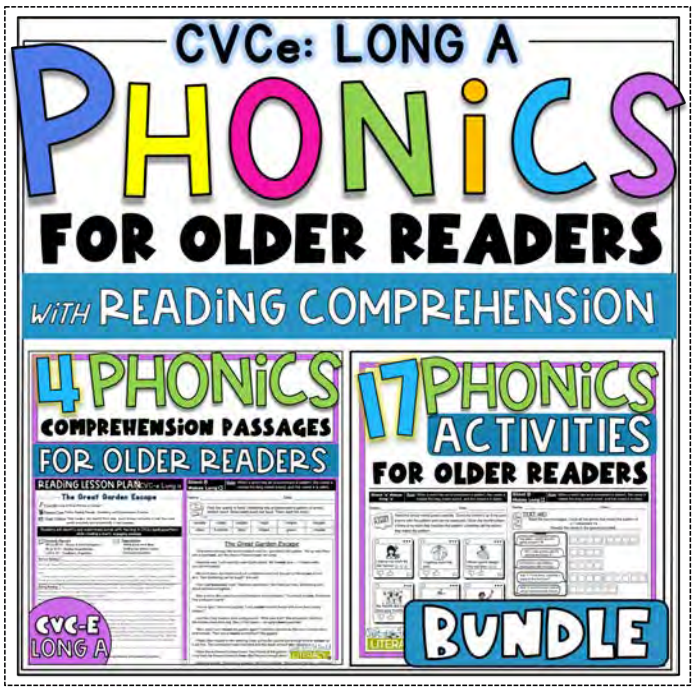


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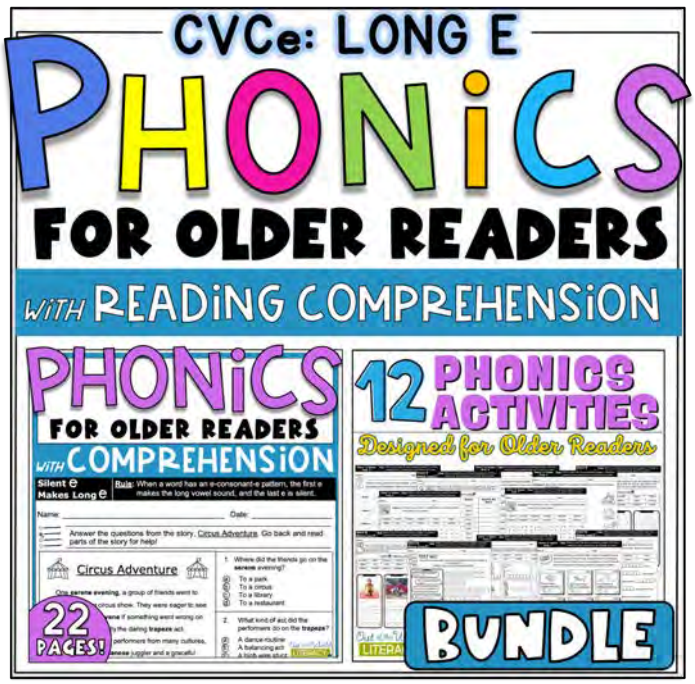
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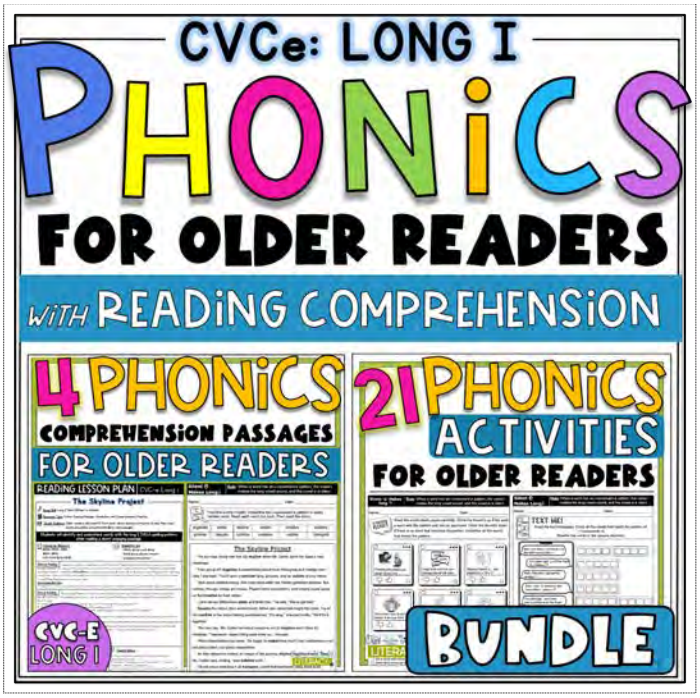
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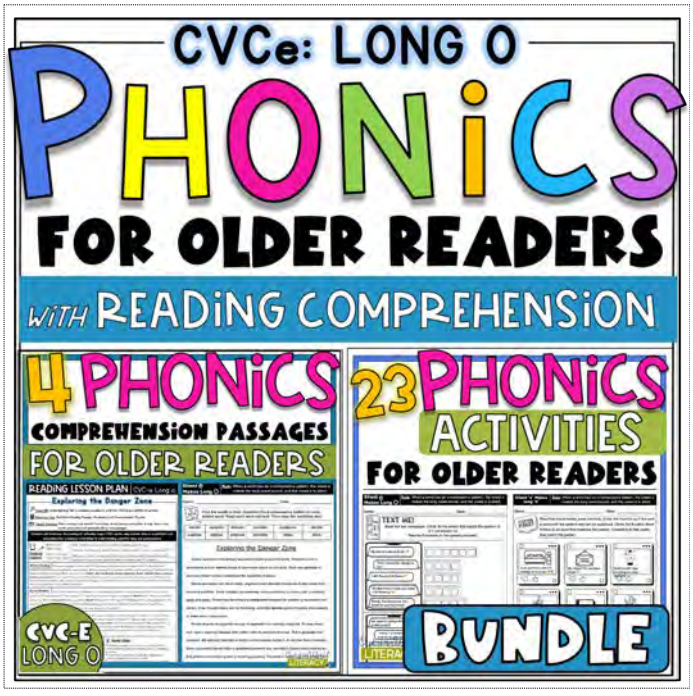
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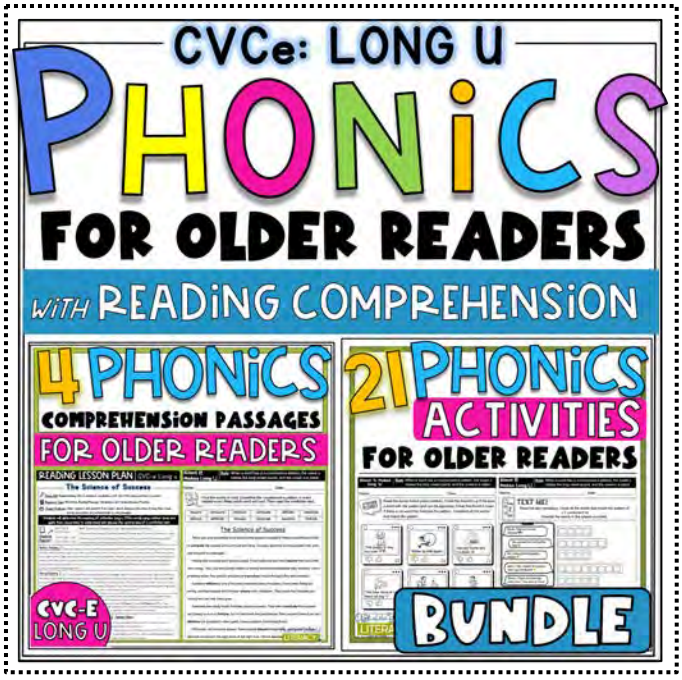
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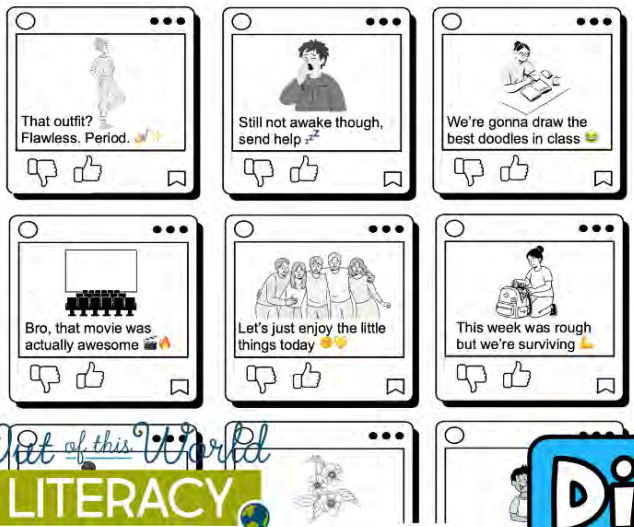
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Words with -aw as in 'saw' | **Rule:** The letters **a-w** often work together to make the /aw/ sound. It's the sound you hear in the word **saw.**

Name: _____ Date: _____

ATTENTION PLEASE!

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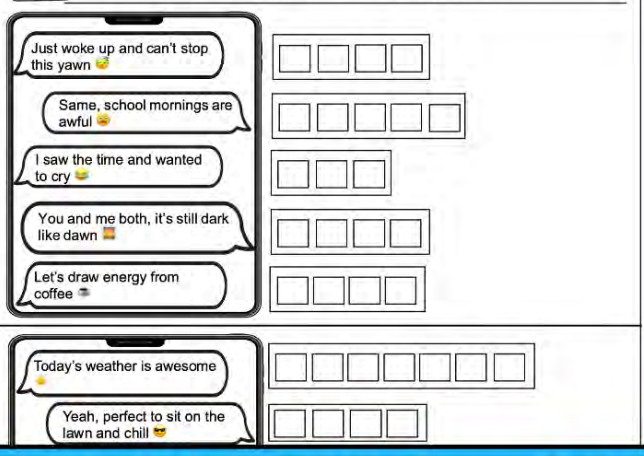
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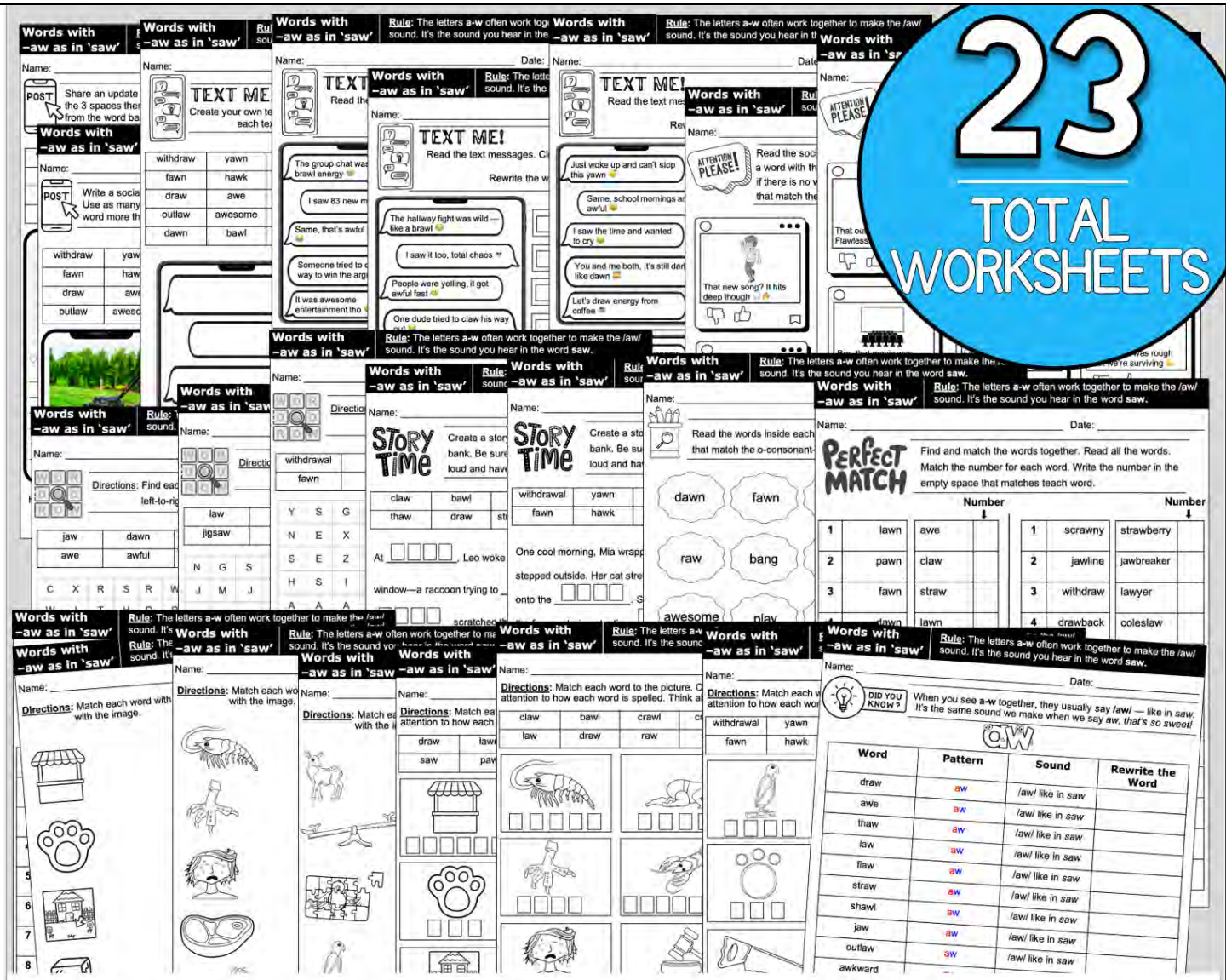
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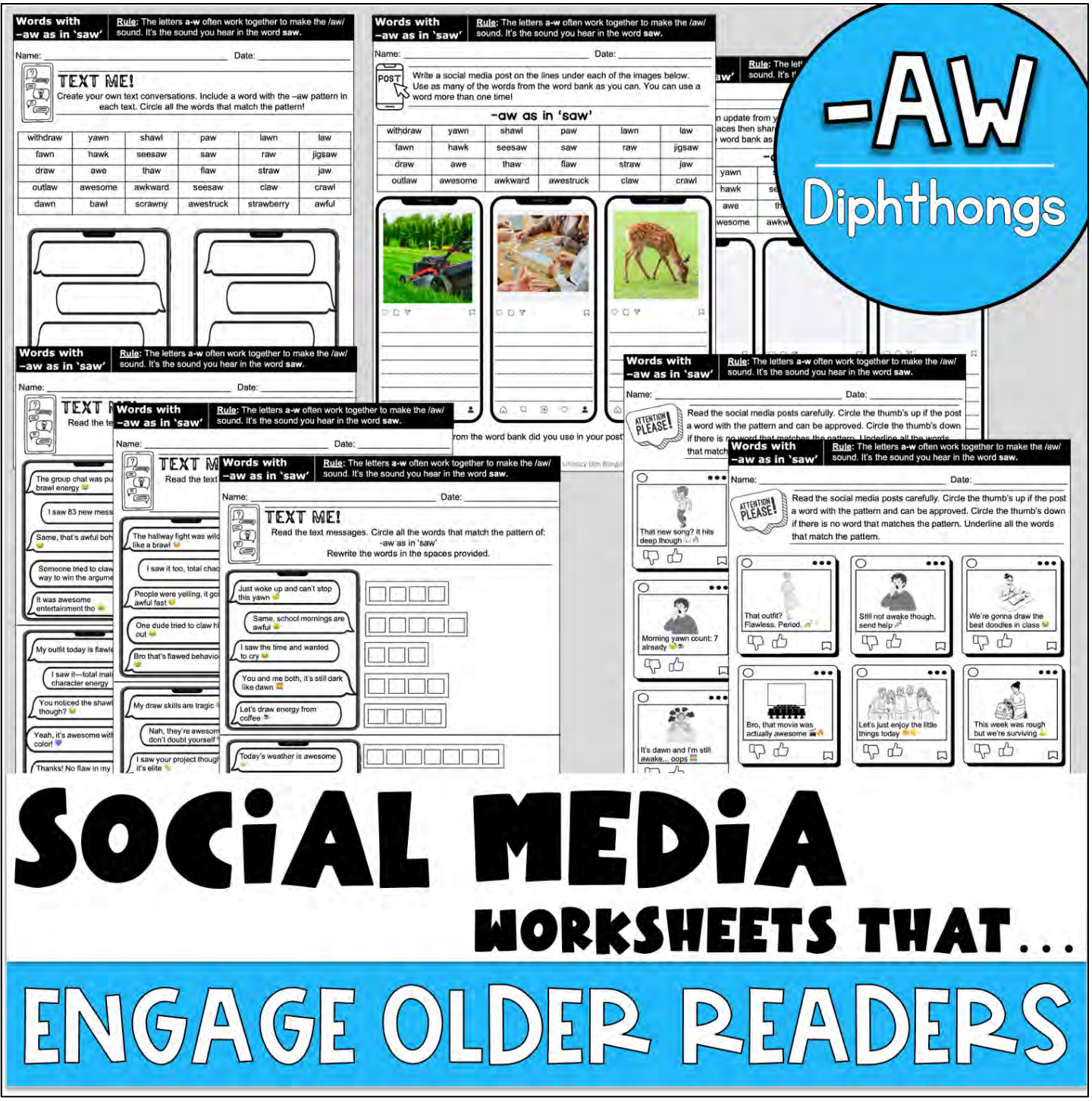
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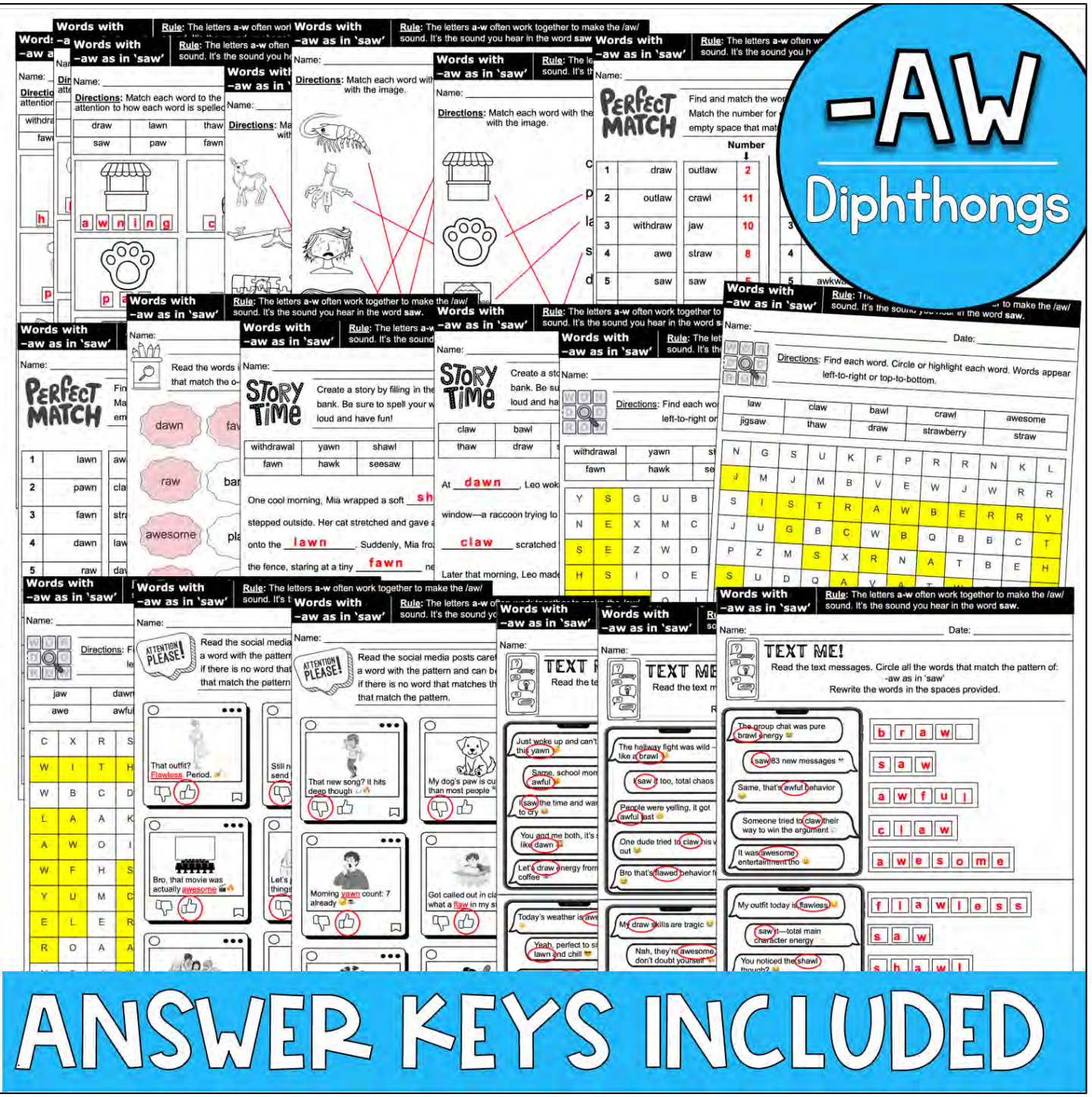
Read the text messages. Circle all the words that match the pattern of:
-aw as in 'saw'
Rewrite the words in the spaces provided.



DIPHTHONGS -AW


23
TOTAL WORKSHEETS
Words with -aw as in 'saw'
Rule: The letters a-w often work together to make the /aw/ sound. It's the sound you hear in the word saw.
Name:
Date:
TEXT ME!
Read the text messages.
Rewrite the w
withdraw
yawn
fawn
hawk
draw
awe
outlaw
awesome
dawn
bawl
STORY Time
Create a story
bank. Be sure
loud and have
claw
thaw
withdrawal
fawn
Directions: Find each
left-to-right
jaw
dawn
awe
awful
law
jigsaw
Read the words inside each
that match the o-consonant-
dawn
fawn
raw
bang
awesome
play
PERFECT MATCH
Find and match the words together. Read all the words.
Match the number for each word. Write the number in the
empty space that matches teach word.
Number
1 lawn
2 pawn
3 fawn
awe
claw
straw
1 scrawny
2 jawline
3 withdraw
4 drawback
strawberry
jawbreaker
lawyer
coleslaw
Directions: Match each word with the image.
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claw
bawl
crawl
law
draw
raw
withdrawal
yawn
fawn
hawk
DID YOU KNOW?
When you see a-w together, they usually say /aw/ — like in saw.
It's the same sound we make when we say aw, that's so sweet!
aw
Word
Pattern
Sound
Rewrite the Word
draw
awe
thaw
law
flaw
straw
shawl
jaw
outlaw
awkward
aw
/aw/ like in saw
FOR OLDER READERS
NO BABYISH STUFF HERE!


-AW
Diphthongs
Words with –aw as in 'saw'
Rule: The letters a-w often work together to make the /aw/ sound. It's the sound you hear in the word saw.
Name:
Date:
TEXT ME!
Create your own text conversations. Include a word with the –aw pattern in each text. Circle all the words that match the pattern!
withdraw yawn shawl paw lawn law
fawn hawk seesaw saw raw jigsaw
draw awe thaw flaw straw jaw
outlaw awesome awkward seesaw claw crawl
dawn bawl scrawny awestruck strawberry awful
POST
Write a social media post on the lines under each of the images below. Use as many of the words from the word bank as you can. You can use a word more than one time!
-aw as in 'saw'
withdraw yawn shawl paw lawn law
fawn hawk seesaw saw raw jigsaw
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ATTENTION PLEASE!
Read the social media posts carefully. Circle the thumb's up if the post a word with the pattern and can be approved. Circle the thumb's down if there is no word that matches the pattern. Underline all the words that match the pattern.
That new song? It hits deep though
Morning yawn count: 7 already
It's dawn and I'm still awake... oops
That outfit? Flawless. Period.
Still not awake though, send help
We're gonna draw the best doodles in class
Bro, that movie was actually awesome
Let's just enjoy the little things today
This week was rough but we're surviving
Read the text messages. Circle all the words that match the pattern of: -aw as in 'saw'
Rewrite the words in the spaces provided.
Just woke up and can't stop this yawn
Same, school mornings are awful
I saw the time and wanted to cry
You and me both, it's still dark like dawn
Let's draw energy from coffee
Today's weather is awesome
SOCIAL MEDIA
WORKSHEETS THAT...
ENGAGE OLDER READERS


-AW
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Words with -aw as in 'saw'
Rule: The letters a-w often work together to make the /aw/ sound. It's the sound you hear in the word saw.
Name:
Date:
Directions: Match each word to the attention to how each word is spelled
draw lawn thaw
saw paw fawn
Directions: Match each word with the image.
PERFECT MATCH
Find and match the words
Match the number for
empty space that
Number
1 draw outlaw 2
2 outlaw crawl 11
3 withdraw jaw 10
4 awe straw 8
5 saw saw
STORY Time
Create a story by filling in the bank. Be sure to spell your w
loud and have fun!
withdrawal yawn shawl
fawn hawk seesaw
claw bawl
thaw draw
At dawn, Leo wok
window—a raccoon trying to
claw scratched
Later that morning, Leo made
Directions: Find each wo
left-to-right or
law claw bawl crawl awesome
jigsaw thaw draw strawberry straw
N G S U K F P R R N K L
J M J M B V E W J W R R
S I S T R A W B E R R Y
J U G B C W B Q B B C T
P Z M S X R N A T B E H
S U D Q A V
Read the words
that match the o-
dawn
raw
awesome
ATTENTION PLEASE!
Read the social media
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My dog's paw is cu
than most people
Morning yawn count: 7 already
Got called out in cl
what a flaw in my s
TEXT ME!
Read the text messages. Circle all the words that match the pattern of: -aw as in 'saw'
Rewrite the words in the spaces provided.
The group chat was pure brawl energy
saw 63 new messages
Same, that's awful behavior
Someone tried to claw their way to win the argument
It was awesome entertainment tho
My outfit today is flawless
saw it—total main character energy
You noticed the shawl though?
b r a w
s a w
a w f u l
c l a w
a w e s o m e
f l a w l e s s
s a w
s h a w l
ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED

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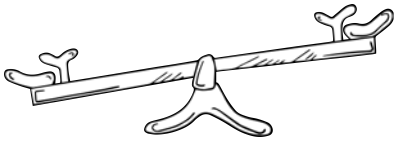
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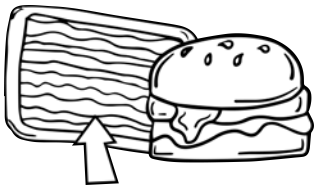
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fawn	hawk	seesaw	saw	raw	jigsaw



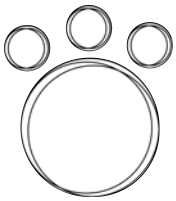
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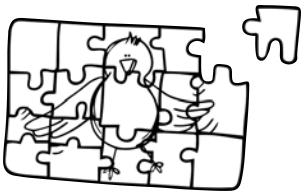
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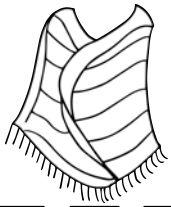
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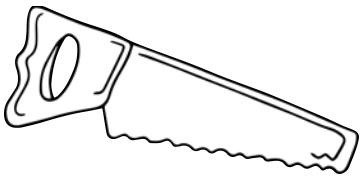
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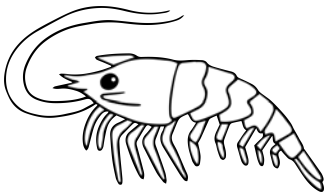
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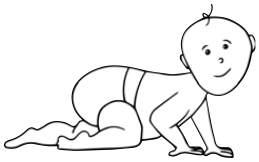
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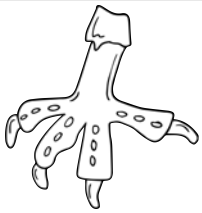
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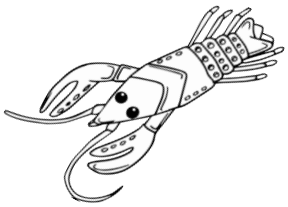
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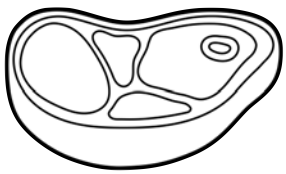
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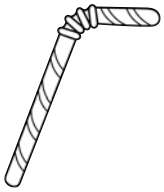
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draw	lawn	thaw	dawn	strawberry	awning
saw	paw	fawn	straw	claw	crawl



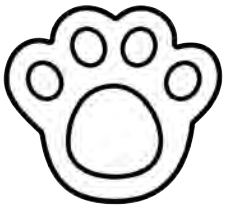
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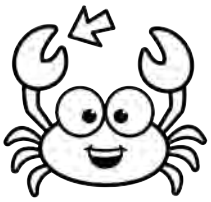
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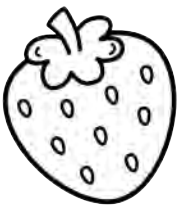
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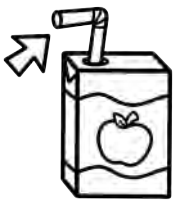
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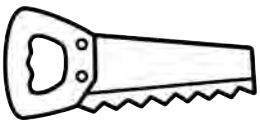
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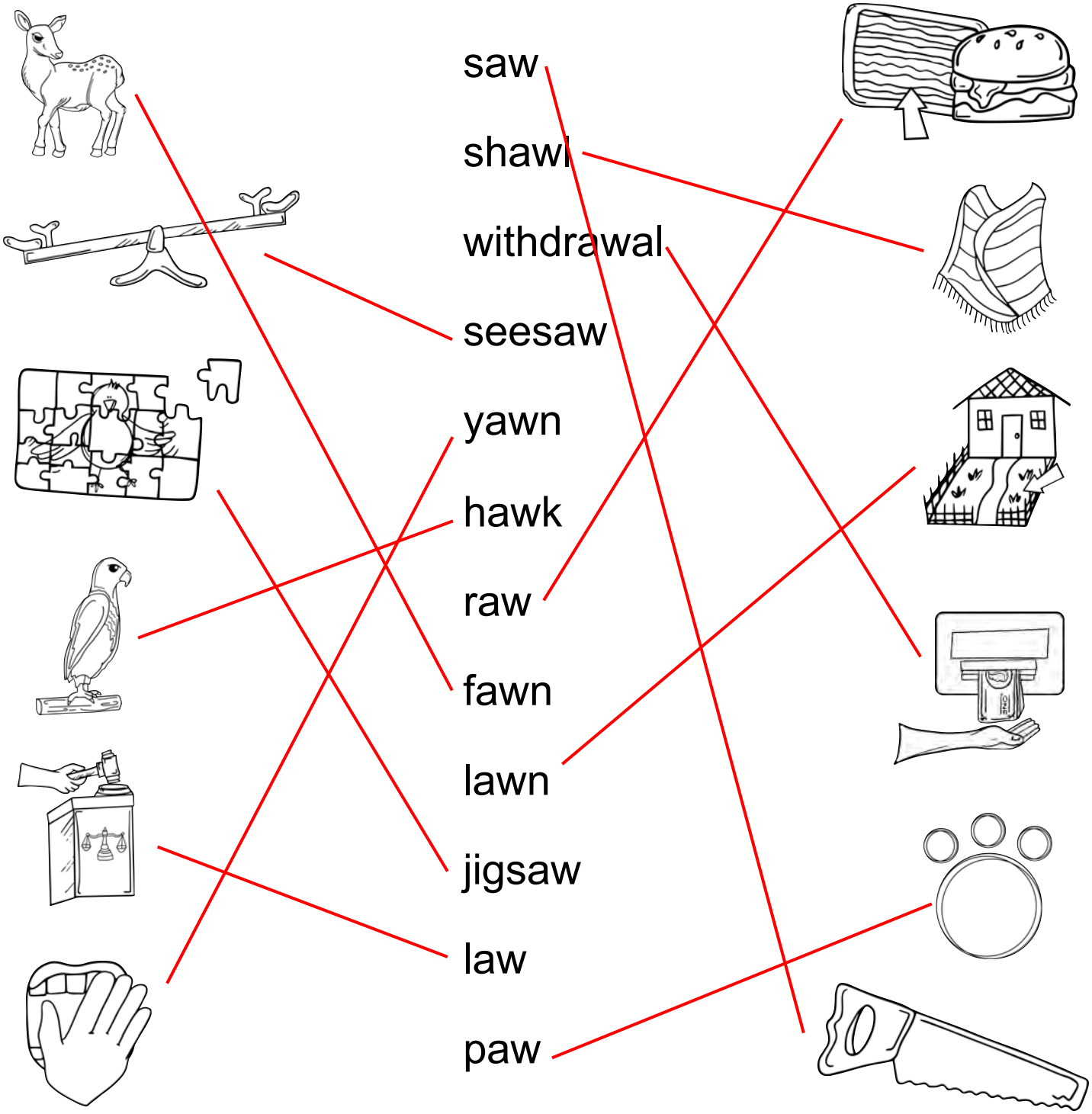
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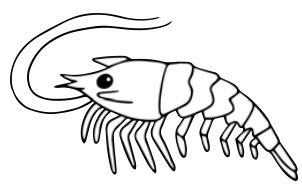
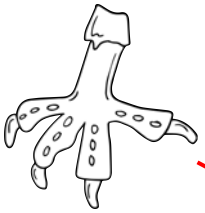
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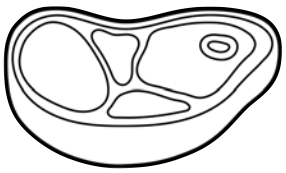
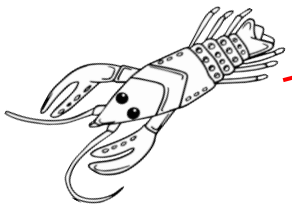
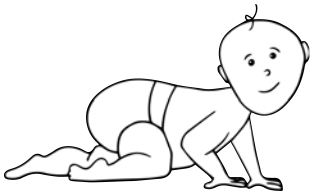
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crawl

straw

claw

dawn

law

crawfish

draw

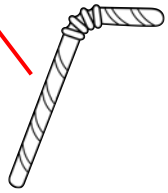
jaw

bawl

prawn







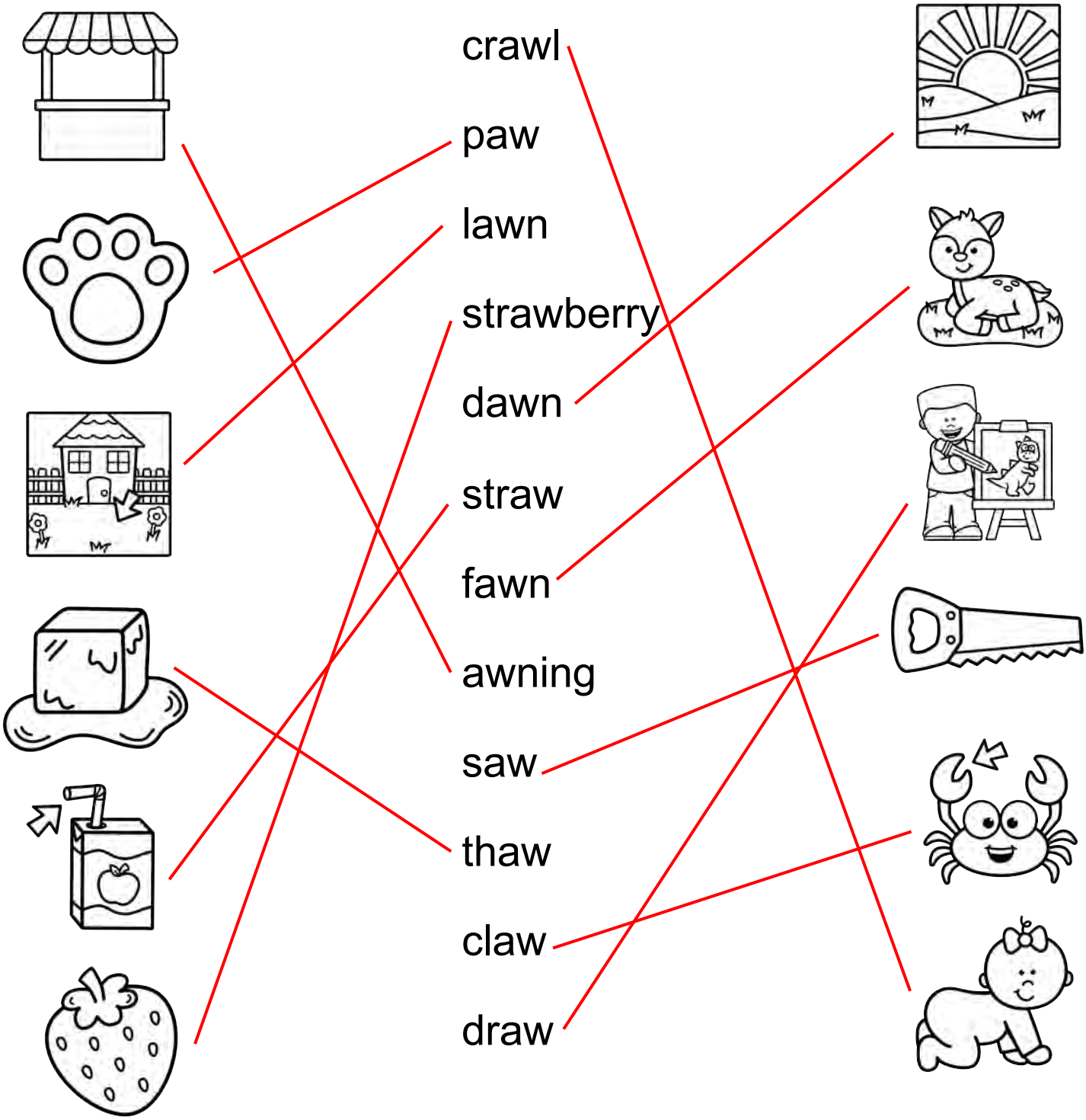

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			Number
1	draw	outlaw	2
2	outlaw	crawl	11
3	withdraw	jaw	10
4	awe	straw	8
5	saw	saw	5
6	law	bawl	12
7	flaw	flaw	7
8	straw	shawl	9
9	shawl	withdraw	3
10	jaw	awe	4
11	crawl	law	6
12	bawl	draw	1

			Number
1	forewarn	prawn	4
2	drawback	lawful	6
3	sawdust	drawn	9
4	prawn	brawn	11
5	awkward	lawsuit	12
6	lawful	forewarn	1
7	flawless	sawdust	3
8	awful	awkward	5
9	drawn	flawless	7
10	jigsaw	drawback	2
11	brawn	awful	8
12	lawsuit	jigsaw	10

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1	lawn	awe	6
2	pawn	claw	10
3	fawn	straw	12
4	dawn	lawn	1
5	raw	dawn	4
6	awe	hawk	8
7	draw	saw	11
8	hawk	pawn	2
9	thaw	raw	5
10	claw	draw	7
11	saw	thaw	9
12	straw	fawn	3

			Number
1	scrawny	strawberry	9
2	jawline	jawbreaker	10
3	withdraw	lawyer	8
4	drawback	coleslaw	7
5	flawless	crawlspace	12
6	awestruck	scrawny	1
7	coleslaw	drawstring	11
8	lawyer	drawback	4
9	strawberry	jawline	2
10	jawbreaker	awestruck	6
11	drawstring	flawless	5
12	crawlspace	withdraw	3

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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.

dawn	fawn	pawn	lawn	pause
raw	bang	faucet	taught	amazing
awesome	play	caught	count	yogurt
draw	sauce	okay	should	today
hawk	say	shape	daughter	could
thaw	claw	saw	straw	because

CHALLENGE

What letter do the colored in shapes spell? C



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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!

withdrawal	yawn	shawl	paw	lawn	law
fawn	hawk	seesaw	saw	raw	jigsaw

One cool morning, Mia wrapped a soft ___shawl___ around her shoulders and stepped outside. Her cat stretched and gave a big ___yawn___ before walking onto the ___lawn___. Suddenly, Mia froze. A ___hawk___ was sitting on the fence, staring at a tiny ___fawn___ near the trees. Mia waved her hands and shouted, "Shoo!" The ___hawk___ spread its wings and flew away. Her cat lifted a ___paw___ and meowed as if saying, "Good job." After that, Mia and her brother built a ___seesaw___ beside the garden. They took a break to work on a ___jigsaw___ puzzle of forest animals. When her brother tried to grab a piece with sticky fingers, Mia laughed. "Don't touch it—your hands are ___raw___ from climbing the tree!" Later that day, her dad reminded them, "The ___law___ of the house is no more late-night snacks!" Mia ___saw___ her brother sneak one anyway and joked, "You'll face ___withdrawal___ if Mom catches you!"

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claw	bawl	crawl	awesome	jaw	dawn
thaw	draw	strawberry	straw	awe	awful

At dawn, Leo woke up to an awful sound outside his window—a raccoon trying to crawl into the trash can! Its sharp claw scratched the lid until Leo banged on the glass and scared it away. Later that morning, Leo made an awesome breakfast smoothie with strawberries and a straw. When he tried to draw the drink up through the straw, it got stuck. He opened his mouth wide, stretching his jaw, and laughed. "Guess it needs time to thaw!" he said. His little sister started to bawl, thinking she wouldn't get any smoothie. Leo was in awe . He handed her a cup and said, "Don't cry! There's plenty for both of us."

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L	G	O	S	J	T	P	A	W	N	D	U
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law	claw	bawl	crawl	awesome
jigsaw	thaw	draw	strawberry	straw

N	G	S	U	K	F	P	R	R	N	K	L
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awe	awful	jawline	flawless	coleslaw

C	X	R	S	R	W	A	R	X	J	J	F
W	I	T	H	D	R	A	W	C	A	I	Y
W	B	C	D	K	N	H	X	O	W	C	X
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A	W	O	I	Z	P	A	X	E	K	H	W
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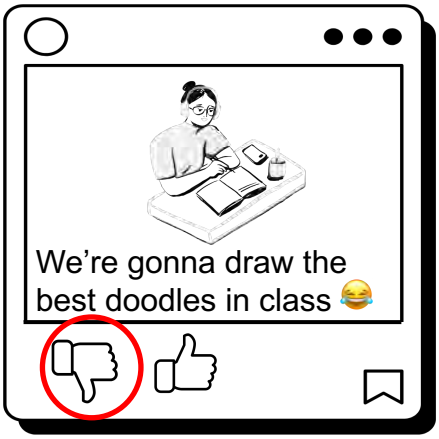
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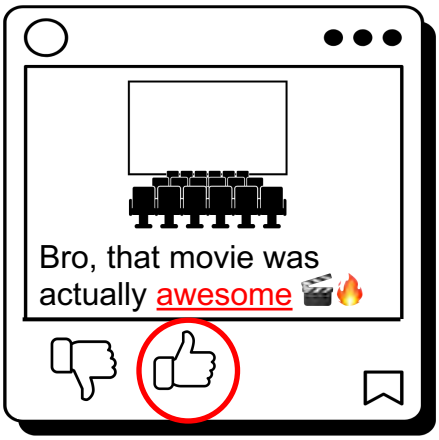
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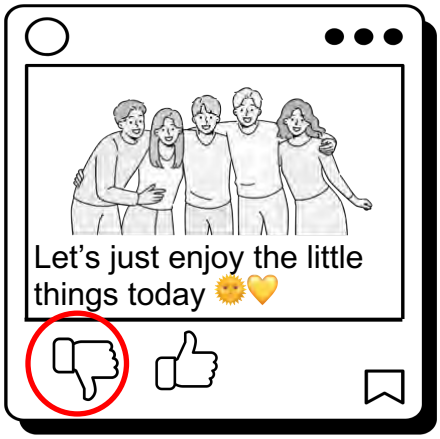
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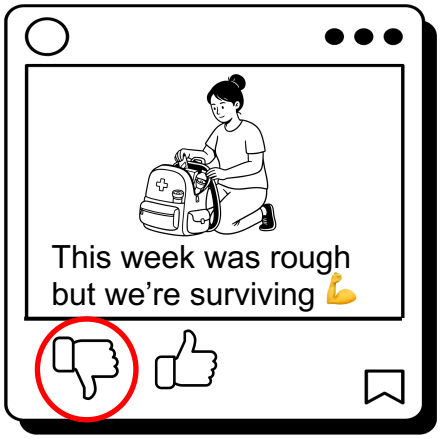




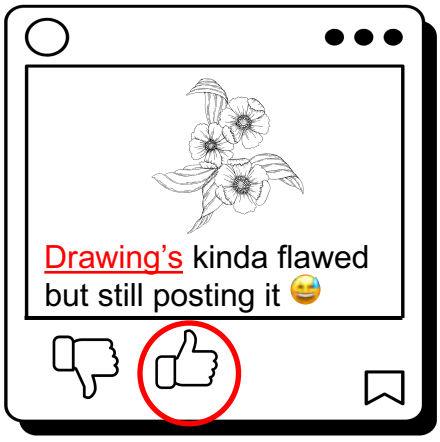


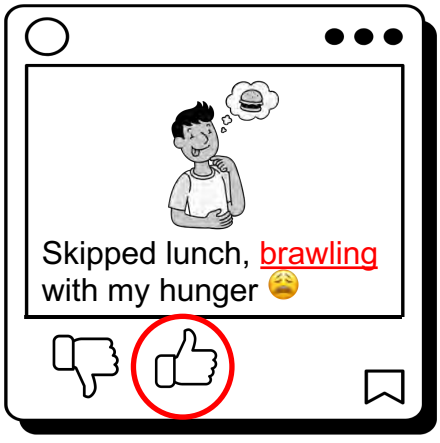












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That new song? It hits deep though 🎧🔥



My dog's paw is cuter than most people 🐾



Haunted by my own texts 😬 #haunt



Morning yawn count: 7 already 😴☕



Got called out in class... what a flaw in my stealth



That new hoodie? Pure joy 🧡



It's dawn and I'm still awake... oops 🌅



Summer day = me, a lake, and a canoe 🛶☀️



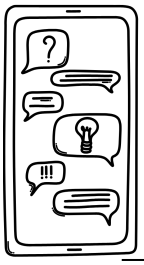
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Read the text messages. Circle all the words that match the pattern of:
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Rewrite the words in the spaces provided.

Just woke up and can't stop this yawn 🥱

Same, school mornings are awful 😩

I saw the time and wanted to cry 😂

You and me both, it's still dark like dawn 🌅

Let's draw energy from coffee ☕

y	a	w	n

a	w	f	u	l

s	a	w

d	a	w	n

d	r	a	w

Today's weather is awesome ☀️

Yeah, perfect to sit on the lawn and chill 😎

I just saw a hawk fly by too 🦅

That's so raw nature vibes 😂

Let's draw later and make it artsy 🎨

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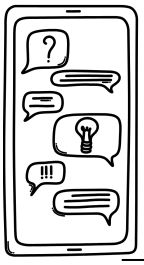
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The hallway fight was wild — like a brawl 😵

b r a w l

I saw it too, total chaos 💀

s a w

People were yelling, it got awful fast 😬

a w f u l

One dude tried to claw his way out 😂

c l a w

Bro that's flawed behavior fr 😅

f l a w e d

My draw skills are tragic 😭

d r a w

Nah, they're awesome, don't doubt yourself 👊

a w e s o m e

I saw your project though— it's elite 👏

s a w

Just fixed a flaw in the shading 😂

f l a w

Still better than my bawled-up mess 💀

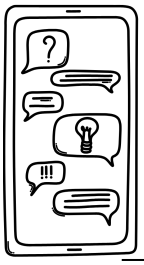
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The group chat was pure brawl energy 😭

I saw 83 new messages 💀

Same, that's awful behavior 😂

Someone tried to claw their way to win the argument 💬

It was awesome entertainment tho 😆

b	r	a	w	

s	a	w

a	w	f	u	l

c	l	a	w

a	w	e	s	o	m	e

My outfit today is flawless 😏

I saw it—total main character energy ✨

You noticed the shawl though? 😂

Yeah, it's awesome with that color! 💜

Thanks! No flaw in my fit today 💅

f	l	a	w	l	e	s	s

s	a	w

s	h	a	w	l

a	w	e	s	o	m	e

f	l	a	w

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