23 PHONICS ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER READERS

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flew	view	renew	skew	blew	grew

A _____ kids gathered at the park when they heard the exciting _____ —a kite-flying contest! Drew almost _____ after his last kite tore, but he decided to try again. He made a _____ of bright kites and _____ one into the sky. It _____ high and steady in the clear _____ above. A sudden gust _____ hard, but instead of letting the string _____, Drew held on tight. When his kite _____. He grinned and said, "Time to

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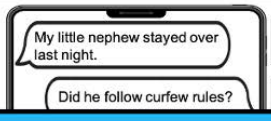

DIPHTHONGS -EW



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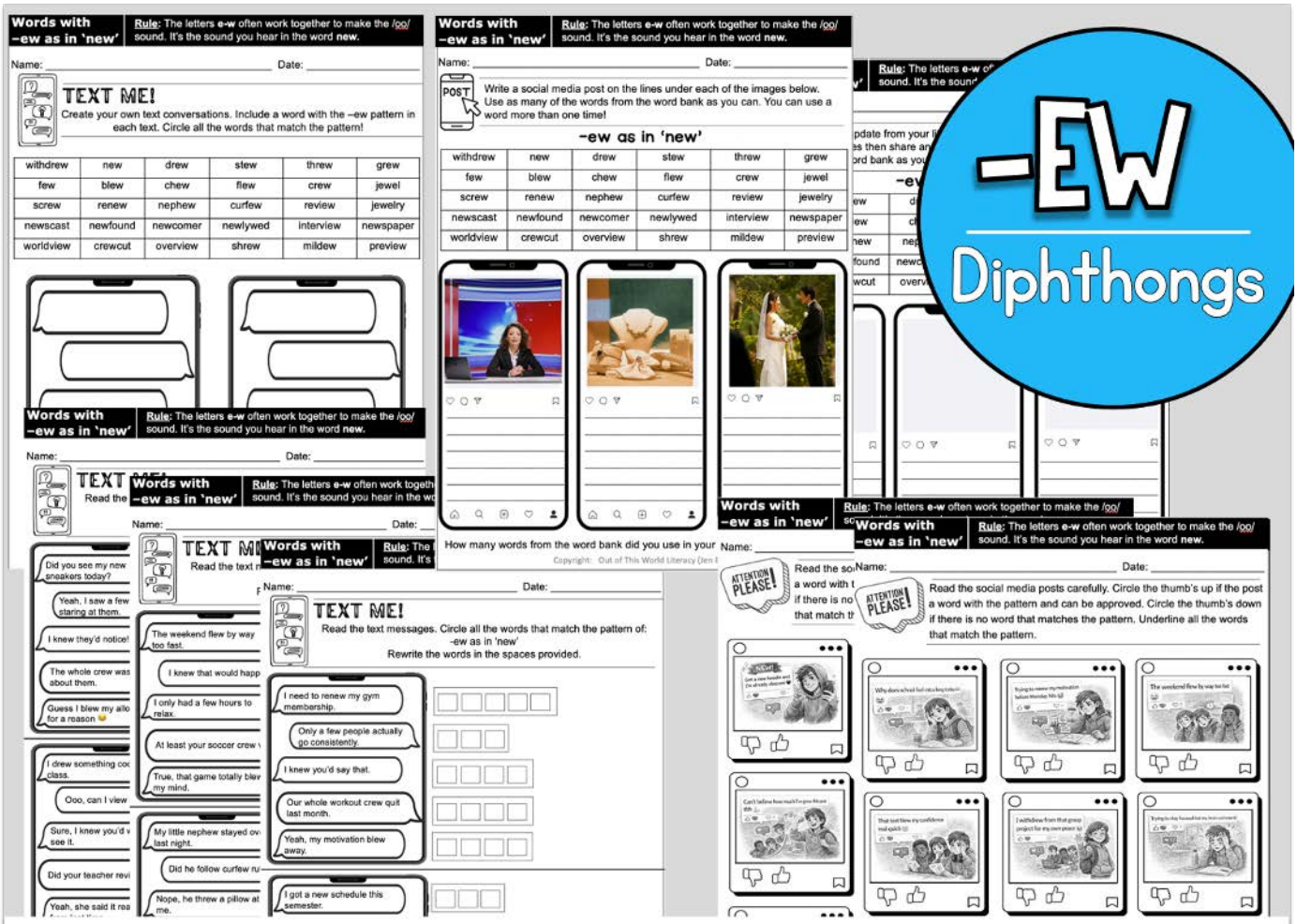

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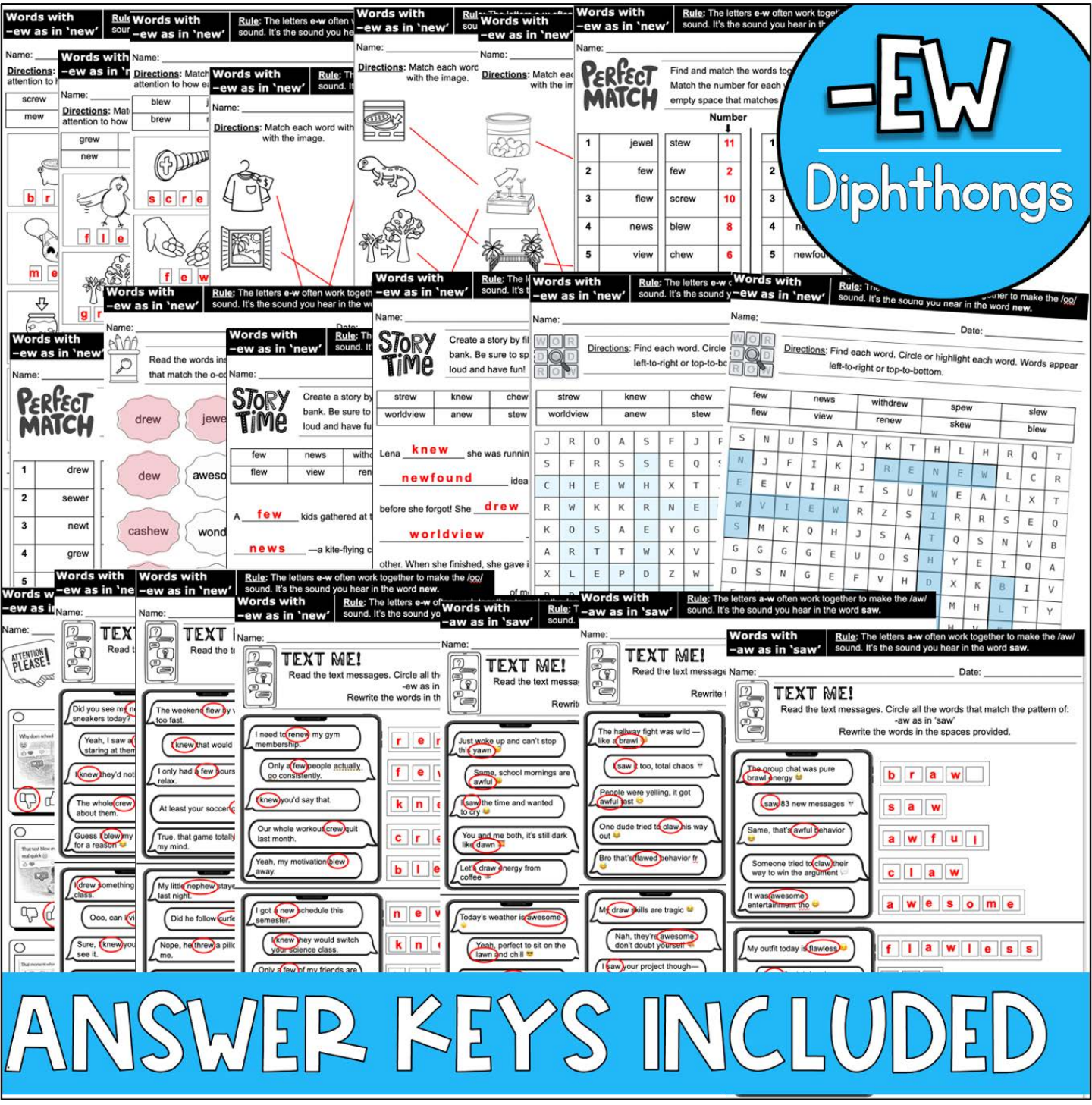
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few news withdrew spew slew
flew view renew skew blew
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I need to renew my gym membership.
Only a few people actually go consistently.
I knew you'd say that.
Our whole workout crew quit last month.
Yeah, my motivation blew away.
Just woke up and can't stop thi 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
The hallway fight was wild — like a brawl
I saw it too, total chaos
People were yelling, it got awful fast
One dude tried to claw his way out
Bro that's flawed behavior fr
The group chat was pure brawl energy
saw 83 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
b r a w
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ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED

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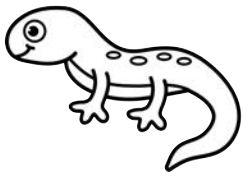

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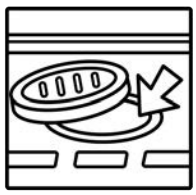

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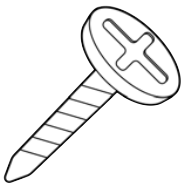

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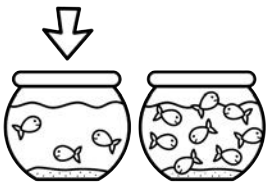

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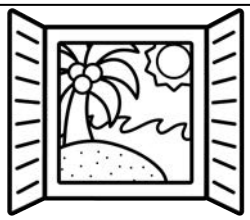

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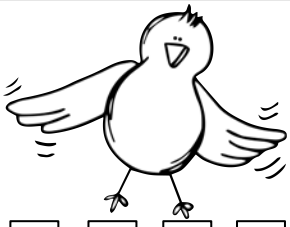

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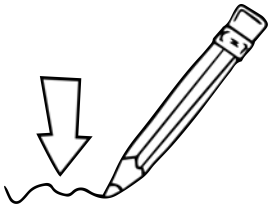

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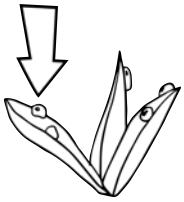

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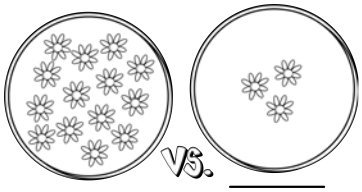

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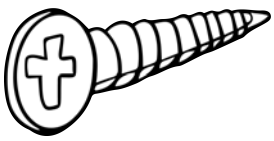

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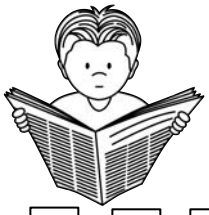

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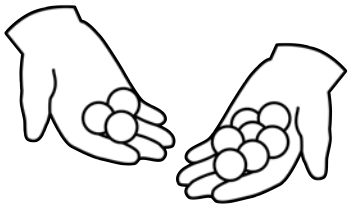

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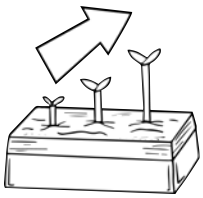

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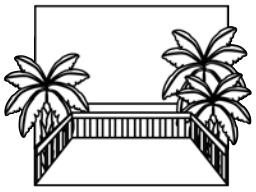

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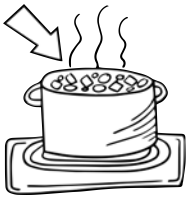

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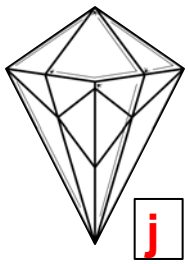

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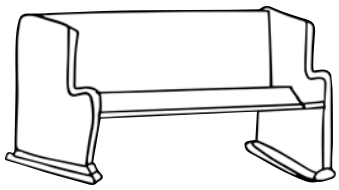

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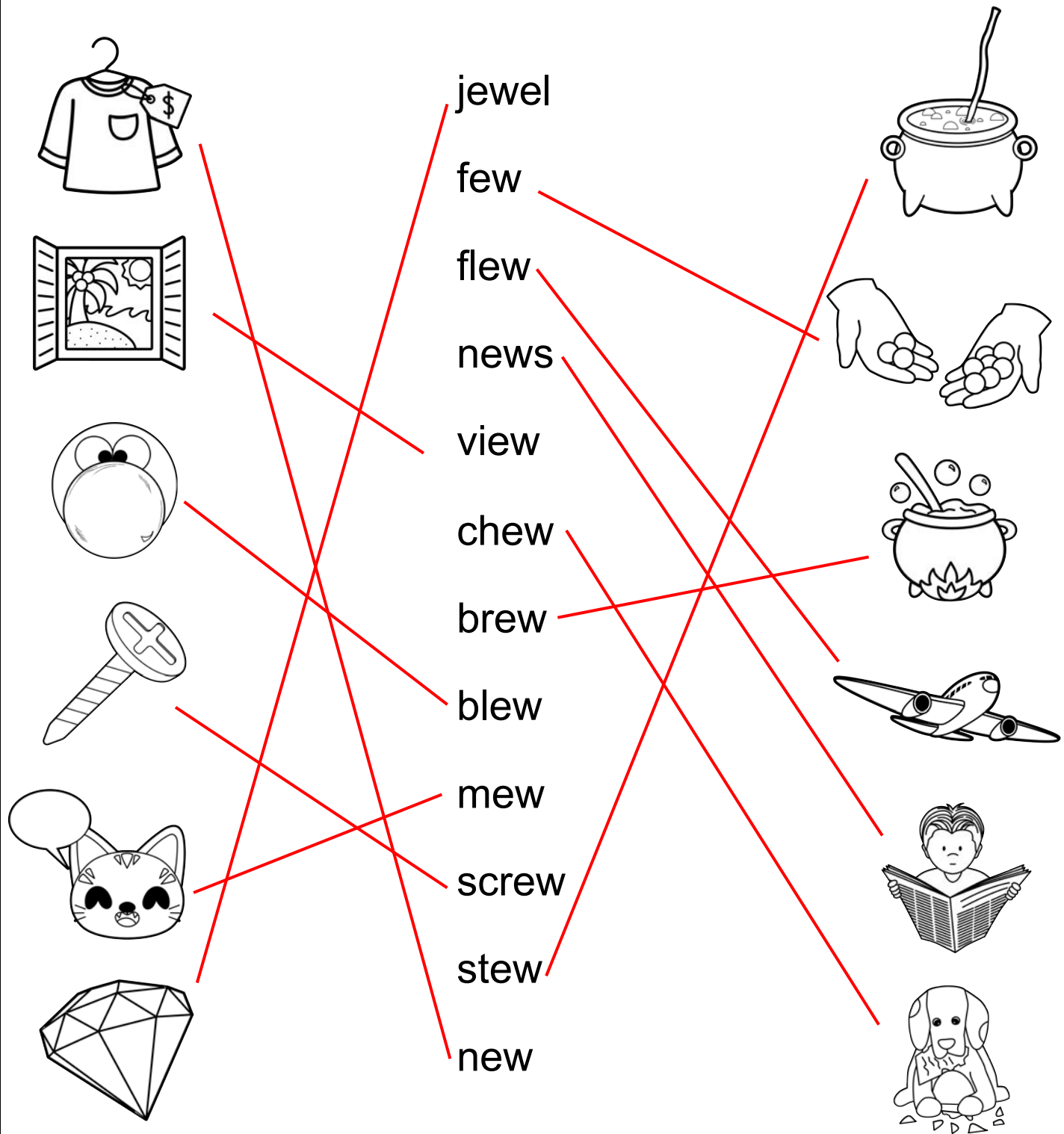

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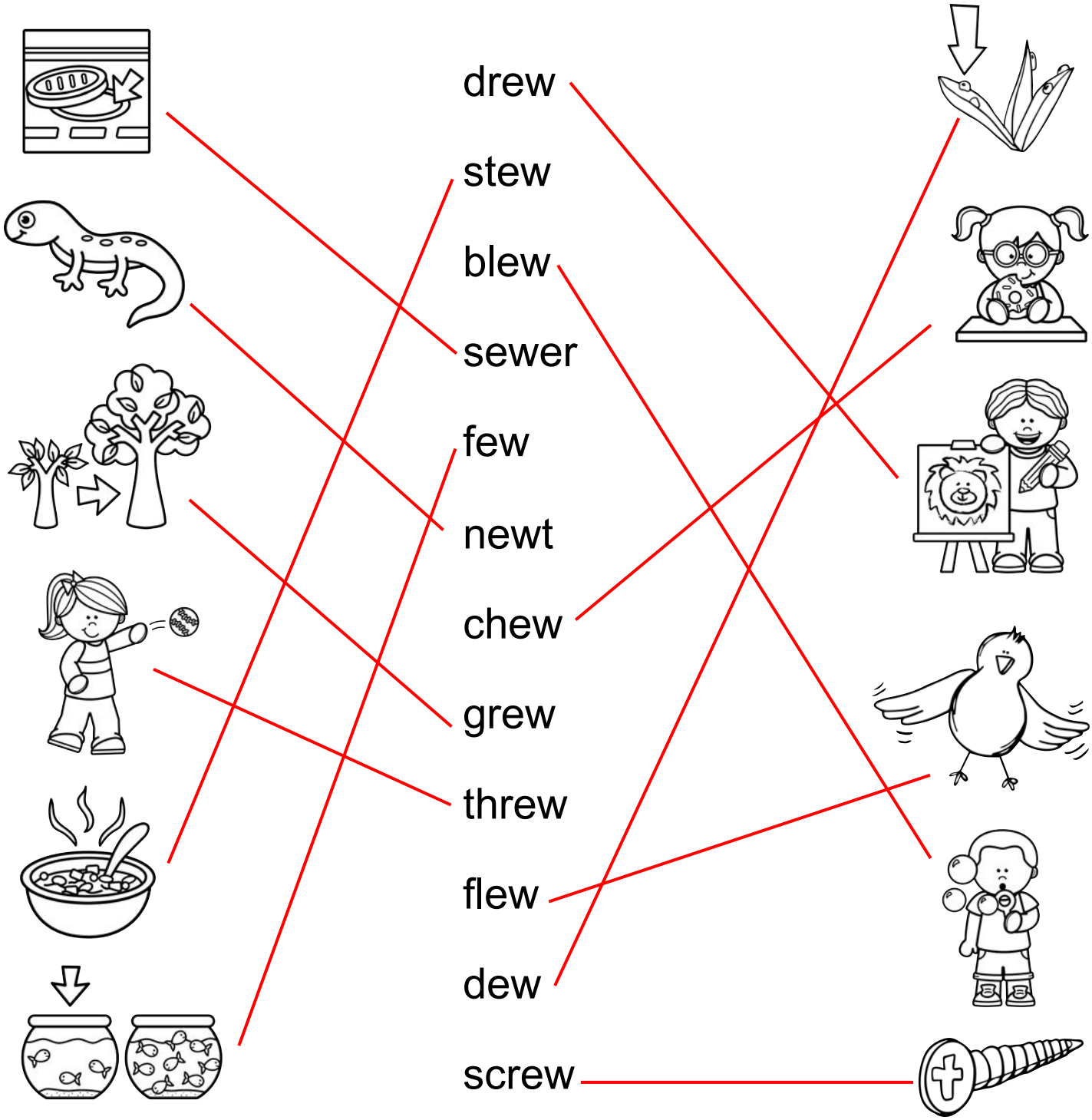

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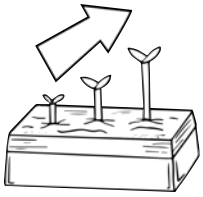

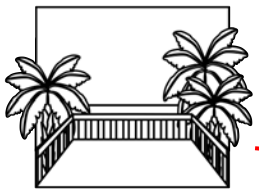

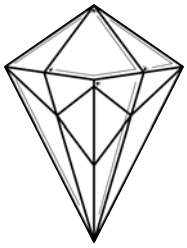

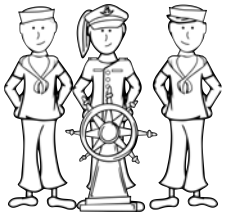



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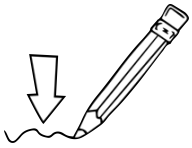

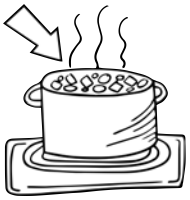

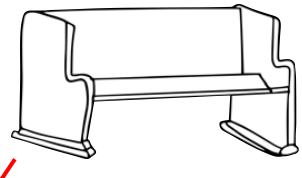

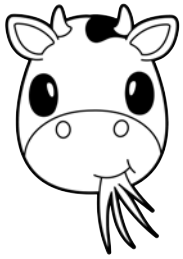



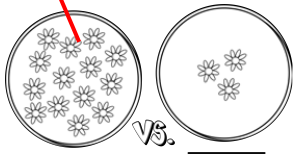

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			Number
1	jewel	stew	11
2	few	few	2
3	flew	screw	10
4	news	blew	8
5	view	chew	6
6	chew	new	12
7	brew	news	4
8	blew	jewel	1
9	mew	flew	3
10	screw	mew	9
11	stew	brew	7
12	new	view	5

			Number
1	renew	withdrew	3
2	jewelry	newcomer	6
3	withdrew	newspaper	9
4	newscast	newscast	4
5	newfound	overview	12
6	newcomer	interview	8
7	newlywed	worldview	10
8	interview	jewelry	2
9	newspaper	renew	1
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11	crewcut	newlywed	7
12	overview	newfound	5

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3	newt	screw	7
4	grew	threw	5
5	threw	sewer	2
6	dew	dew	6
7	screw	slew	10
8	cashew	cashew	8
9	pew	grew	4
10	slew	newt	3
11	anew	drew	1
12	knew	knew	12

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1	spew	curfew	10
2	skew	mildew	9
3	strew	shrew	4
4	shrew	phew	5
5	phew	spew	1
6	review	newborn	12
7	nephew	nephew	7
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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.

drew	jewel	few	flew	news
dew	awesome	voice	grown	view
cashew	wonder	caught	flaw	brew
slew	frown	straw	wander	sewer
anew	jaw	saw	clown	grew
knew	newt	pew	screw	threw

CHALLENGE

What letter do the colored in shapes spell? **O**



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A **few** kids gathered at the park when they heard the exciting **news** —a kite-flying contest! Drew almost **withdrew** after his last kite tore, but he decided to try again. He made a **slew** of bright kites and **threw** one into the sky. It **flew** high and steady in the clear **view** above. A sudden gust **blew** hard, but instead of letting the string **skew**, Drew held on tight. When his kite won, his confidence **grew**. He grinned and said, "Time to **renew** my title next year—just don't let the ribbons **spew** all over again!"

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strew	knew	chew	newfound	shrewd	curfew
worldview	anew	stew	drew	phew	review

Lena **knew** she was running late but her mind was full of a **newfound** idea for art class. She had to **chew** it over before she forgot! She **drew** a picture that showed her **worldview** — people from different places helping each other. When she finished, she gave it a quick **review** and smiled. "Pretty **shrewd** of me to mix art and kindness," she said. To celebrate, she helped her mom make a pot of vegetable **stew**. Together, they planned to **strew** notes of kindness **anew** all over town the next day. As the clock ticked closer to bedtime, Lena whispered, "**Phew**, I made it before **curfew** and finished my project too!"

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curfew	threw	cashew	jewelry	newborn
review	grew	sewer	newt	nephew

R	S	B	A	P	S	I	U	I	A	F	W	D	Z
U	P	M	D	U	V	S	P	N	M	C	N	M	O
T	N	E	W	T	K	E	S	E	V	U	U	U	R
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few	news	withdrew	spew	slew
flew	view	renew	skew	blew

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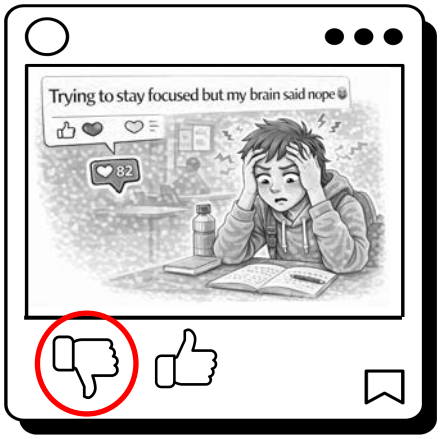







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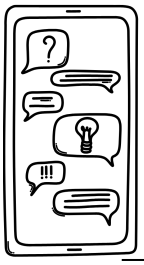

TEXT ME!

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Did you see my new sneakers today?

n e w

Yeah, I saw a few people staring at them.

f e w

I knew they'd notice!

k n e w

The whole crew was talking about them.

c r e w

Guess I blew my allowance for a reason 😂

b l e w

I drew something cool in art class.

d r e w

Ooo, can I view it later?

v i e w

Sure, I knew you'd want to see it.

k n e w

Did your teacher review it yet?

r e v i e w

Yeah, she said it really grew from last time.

g r e w

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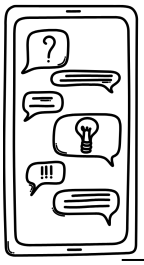

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The weekend flew by way too fast.

f l e w

I knew that would happen.

k n e w

I only had a few hours to relax.

f e w

At least your soccer crew won.

c r e w

True, that game totally blew my mind.

b l e w

My little nephew stayed over last night.

n e p h e w

Did he follow curfew rules?

c u r f e w

Nope, he threw a pillow at me.

t h r e w

Wow, that kid really grew bold.

g r e w

I almost withdrew from babysitting forever 😂

w i t h d r e w

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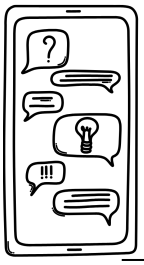

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I need to renew my gym membership.

r e n e w

Only a few people actually go consistently.

f e w

I knew you'd say that.

k n e w

Our whole workout crew quit last month.

c r e w

Yeah, my motivation blew away.

b l e w

I got a new schedule this semester.

n e w

I knew they would switch your science class.

k n e w

Only a few of my friends are in it with me.

f e w

At least your debate crew is still the same.

c r e w

True… but my free period just flew out the window 😩

f l e w

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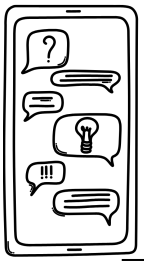

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Just woke up and can't stop this yawn 🥱

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 🎨

a	w	e	s	o	m	e

l	a	w	n

h	a	w	k

r	a	w

d	r	a	w

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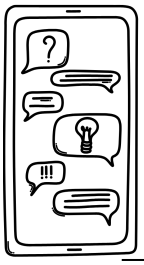

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The hallway fight was wild — like a brawl 😵

I saw it too, total chaos 💀

People were yelling, it got awful fast 😬

One dude tried to claw his way out 😂

Bro that's flawed behavior fr 😅

b r a w l

s a w

a w f u l

c l a w

f l a w e d

My draw skills are tragic 😭

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

I saw your project though— it's elite 👏

Just fixed a flaw in the shading 😂

Still better than my bawled-up mess 💀

d r a w

a w e s o m e

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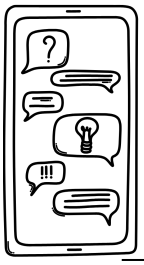

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The group chat was pure brawl energy 😭

b r a w

I saw 83 new messages 💀

s a w

Same, that's awful behavior 😂

a w f u l

Someone tried to claw their way to win the argument 💬

c l a w

It was awesome entertainment tho 😆

a w e s o m e

My outfit today is flawless 😏

f l a w l e s s

I saw it—total main character energy ✨

s a w

You noticed the shawl though? 😂

s h a w l

Yeah, it's awesome with that color! 💜

a w e s o m e

Thanks! No flaw in my fit today 💅

f l a w

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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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