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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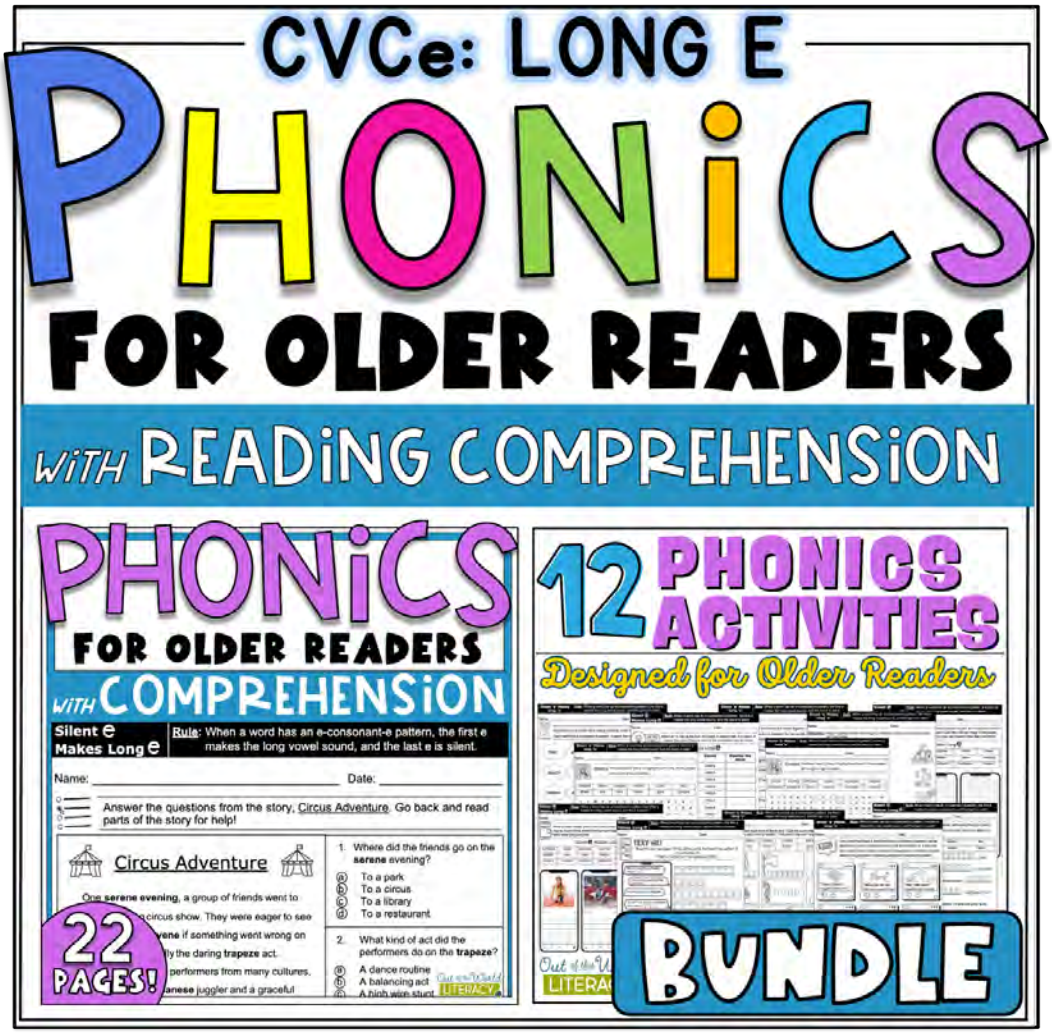
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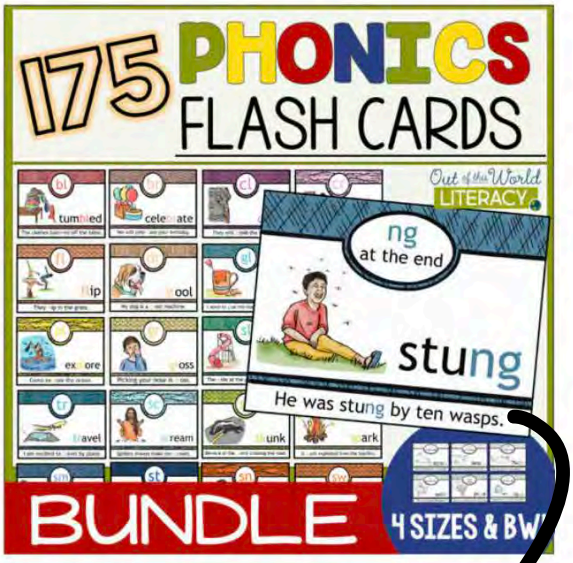
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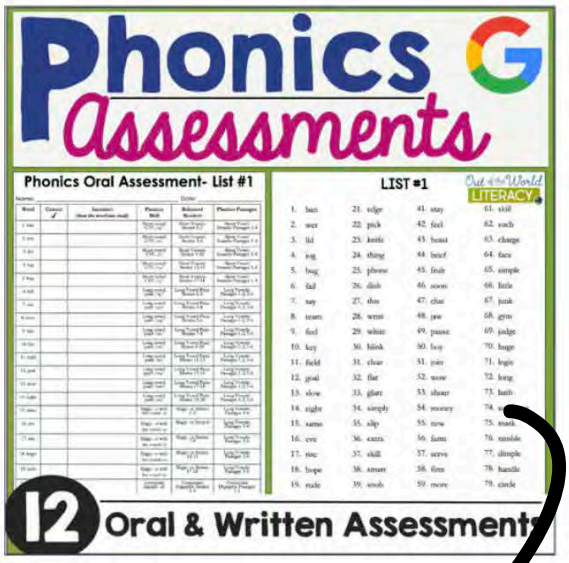


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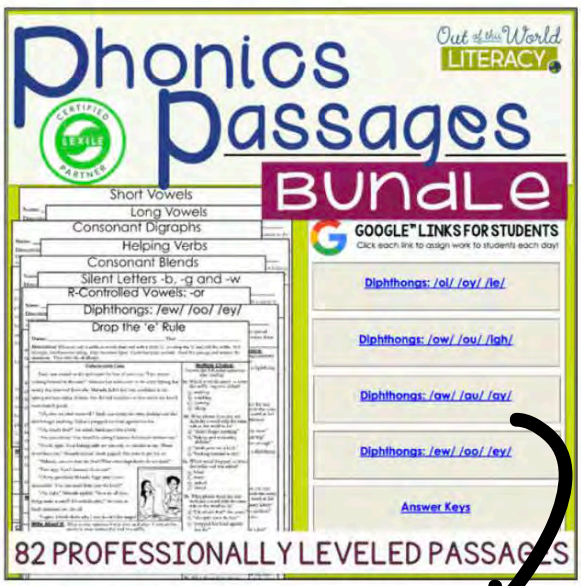


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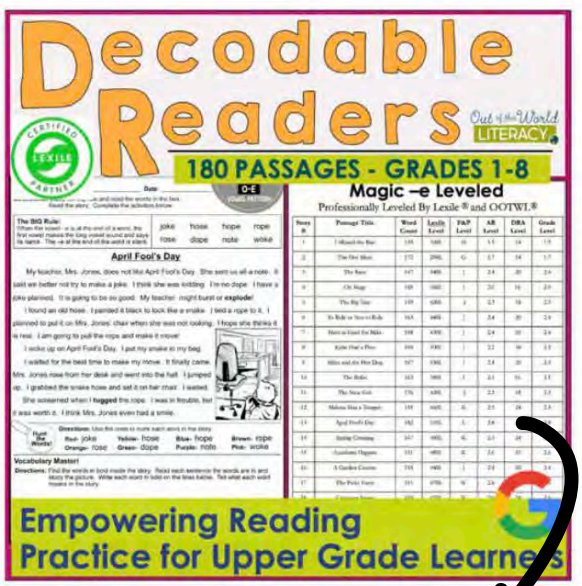


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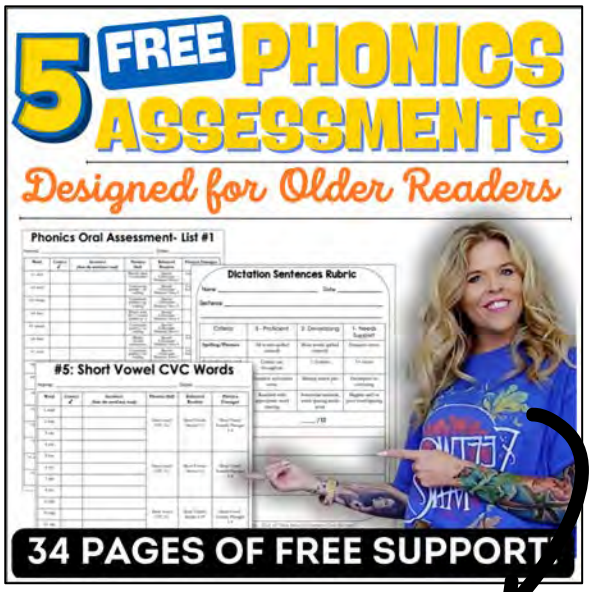


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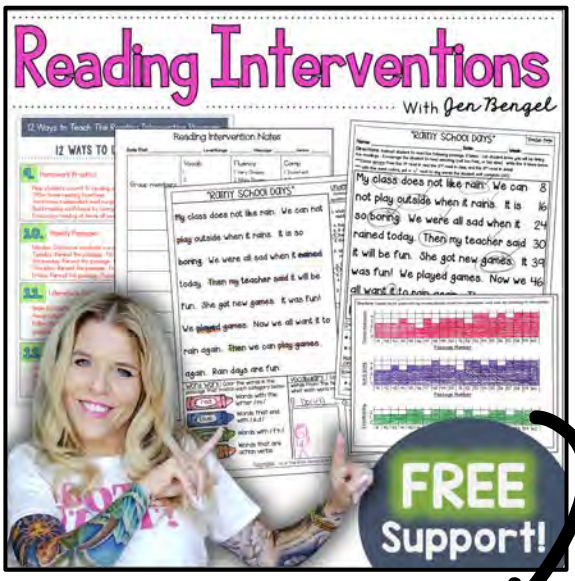


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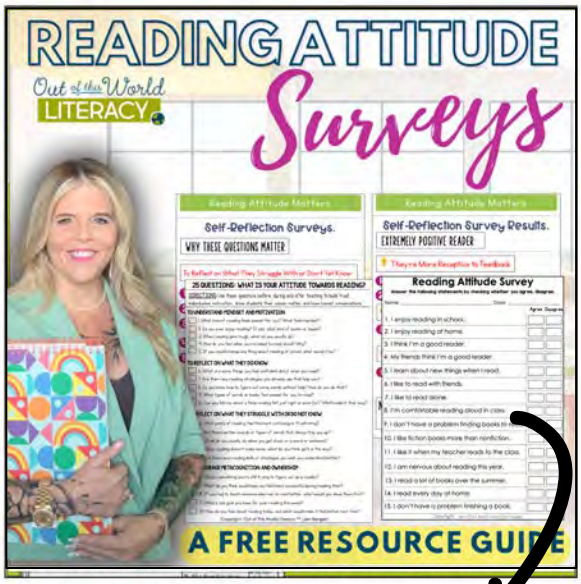


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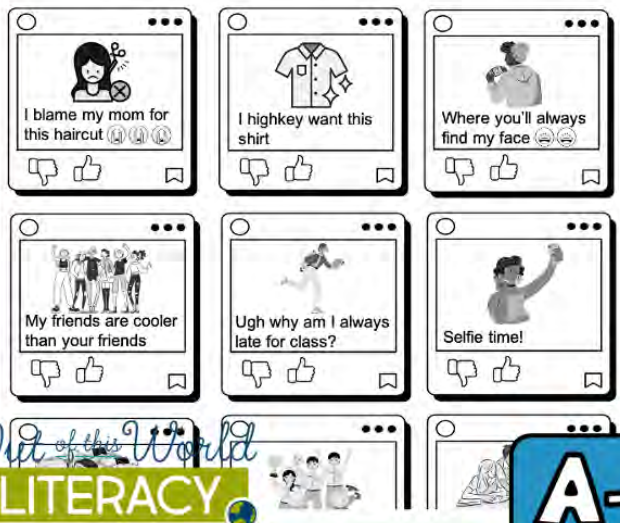
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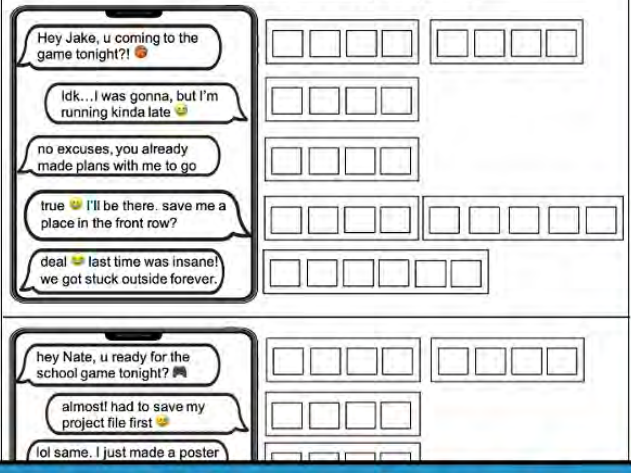


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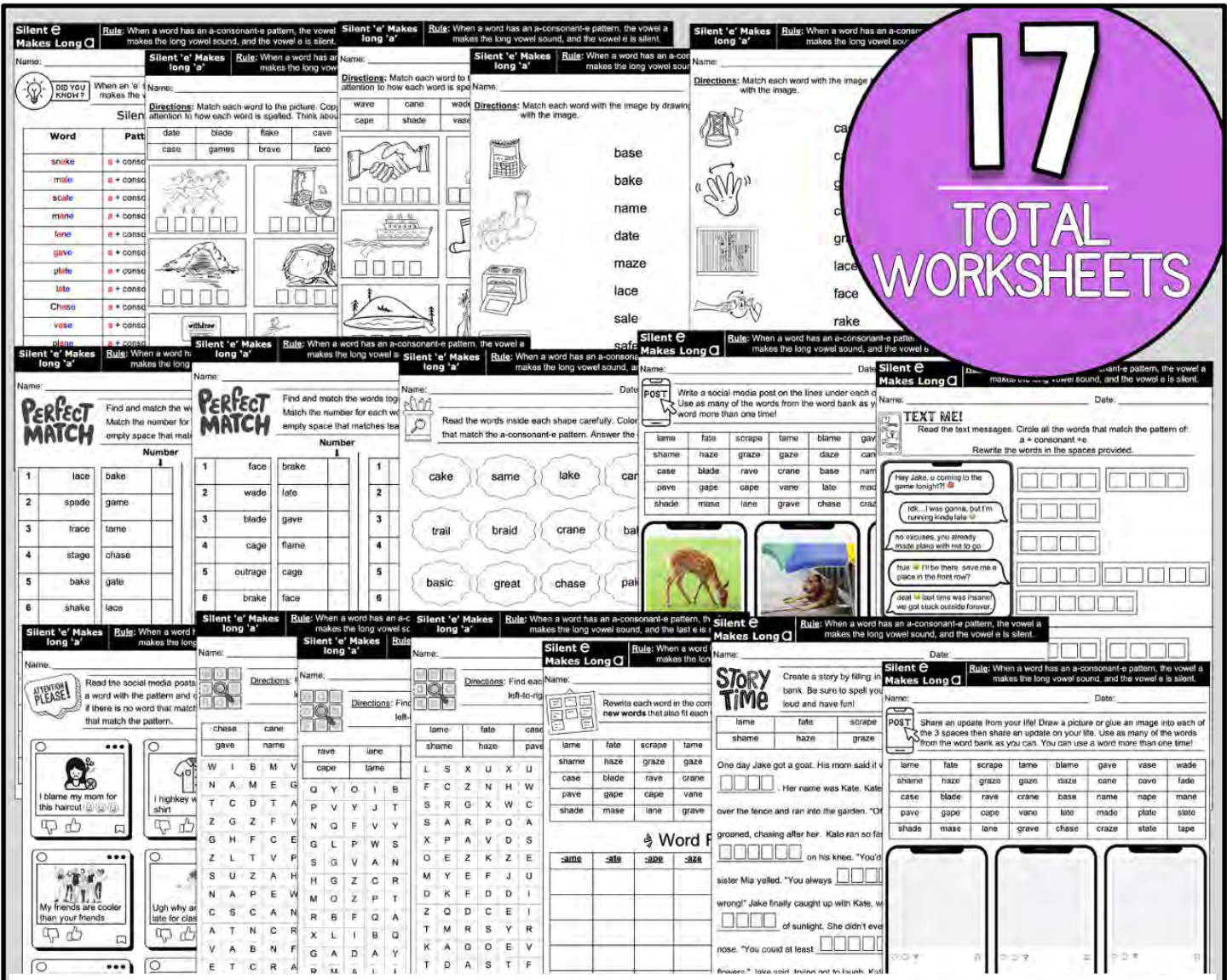
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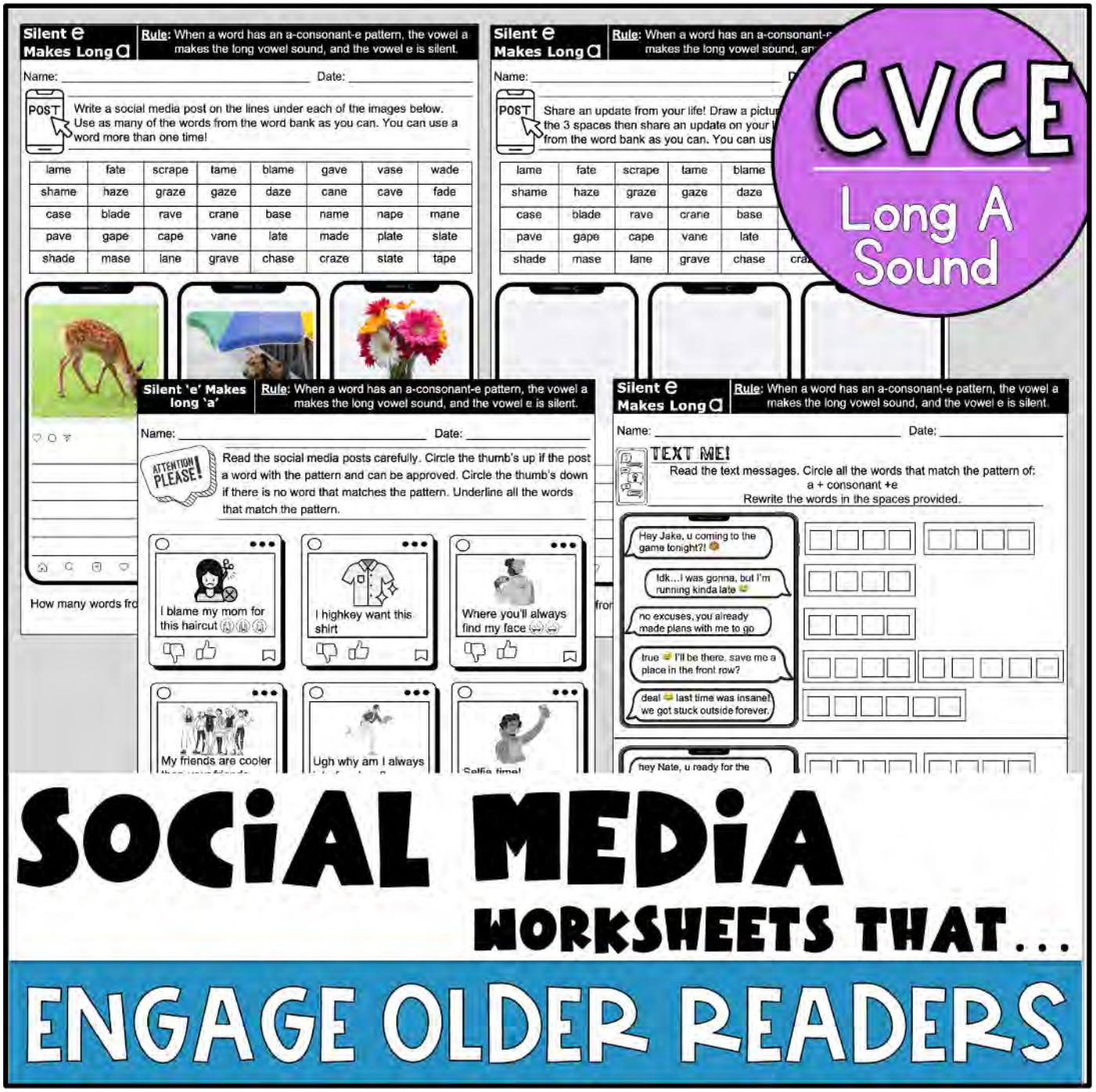
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Long A Sound

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date	blade	flake	cave	chase	save
case	games	brave	face	take	grade

c h a s e · f l a k e · d a t e

c a v e · f a c e · g r a d e

t a k e · b r a v e · g a m e s

Directions: Match each word with the image by drawing a line with the image.

base · bake · name · date · maze · lace · sale · safe · race · cake

cage · case · gate · cape · grape · lace · face · rake · rate

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Hey Jake, u coming to the game tonight?!

Idk…I was gonna, but I'm running kinda late

no excuses, you already made plans with me to go

true I'll be there. save me a place in the front row?

deal last time was insane! we got stuck outside forever.

J a k e · g a m e · l a t e · m a d e · s a v e · p l a c e · i n s a n e

hey Nate, u ready for the school game tonight?

almost! had to save my project file first

lol same. I just made a poster for science — it look forever!

cool. did u use the same idea we talked about?

Nah, don't blame me if it turns out bad though

N a t e · g a m e · s a v e · s a m e

PERFECT MATCH

Find and match the words together. Match the number for each word. Write the number in the empty space that matches each word.

			Number				Number
1	lace	bake	5	1	face	brake	6
2	spade	game	7	2	wade	late	9
3	trace	tame	8	3	blade	gave	11
4	stage	chase	10	4	cage	flame	7
5	bake	gate	12	5	outrage	cage	4
6	shake	lace	1	6	brake	face	1
7	game	stage	4	7	flame	grape	10
8	tame	trace	3	8	insane	blade	3
9	plane	shake	6	9	late	outrage	5
10	chase	spade	2				
11	cane						

1	frame						
2	space						
3	race						
4	trace						
5	shade						
6	grade						
7	crate						
8	save						
9	shape						

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

cake	same	lake	cane	wake
trail	braid	crane	baby	delay
basic	great	chase	paint	steak
eight	table	backdate	relay	rain
complain	sway	craze	straight	pray

STORY TIME

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

lame	fate	scrape	tame
shame	haze	graze	gaze

One day Jake got a goat. His mom said it was meant to be, but Jake soon found out that it was a ___f a t e___. Her name was Kate. Kate didn't want to play in her pen all day, so she jumped over the fence and ran into the garden. "Oh, that's just ___l a m e___," Jake groaned, chasing after her. Kate ran so fast that Jake tripped and got a ___s c r a p e___ on his knee. "You'd better ___t a m e___ that goat!" his sister Mia yelled. "You always ___b l a m e___ me when something goes wrong!" Jake finally caught up with Kate, who stood perfectly still in a field of ___h a z e___ of sunlight. She didn't even move when a butterfly landed on her nose. "You could at least ___g r a z e___ on the grass instead of my mom's flowers," Jake said, trying not to laugh. Kate looked up at Jake and gave him the calmest ___g a z e___ he had ever seen. He stood there in a happy ___d a z e___, realizing that maybe it wasn't a ___s h a m e___ or

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I blame my mom for this haircut

I highkey want this shirt

Where you'll always find my face

My friends are cooler than your friends

Ugh why am I always late for class?

Selfie time!

Directions: Find each word. Circle or highlight each word. Words appear left-to-right or top-to-bottom.

lame	fate	case	shade	gape	scrape
shame	haze	pave	blade	mase	graze

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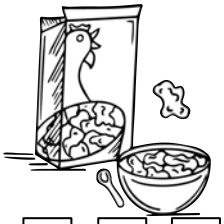
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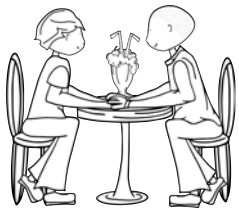
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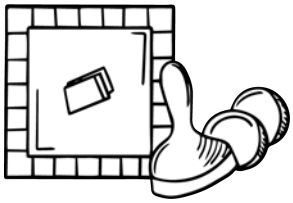
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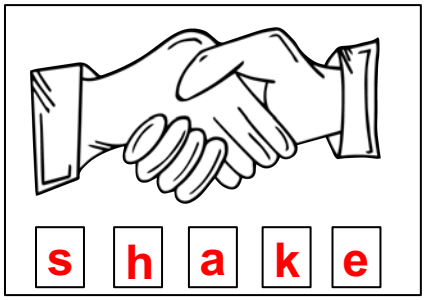
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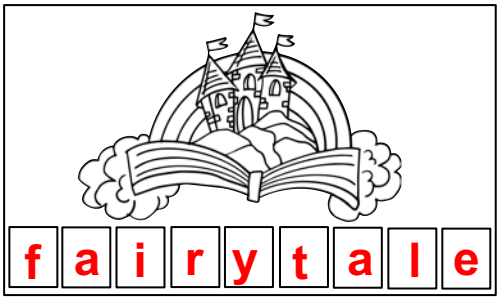
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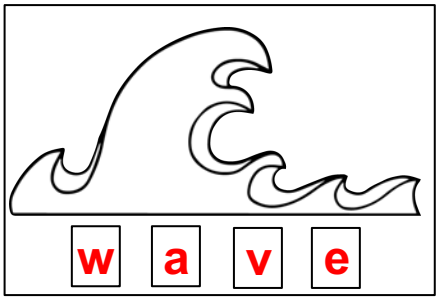
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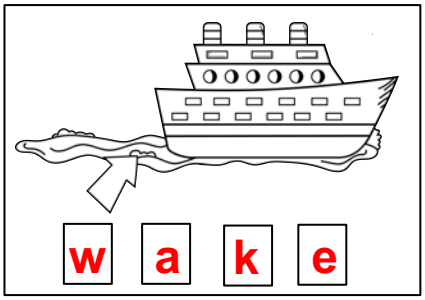
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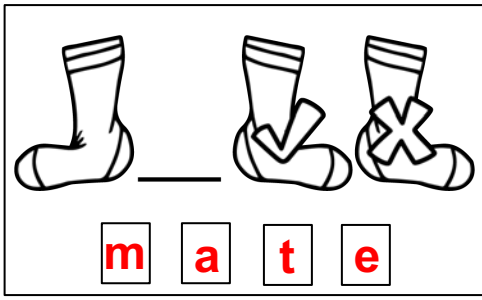
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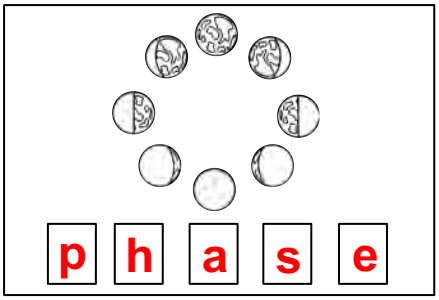


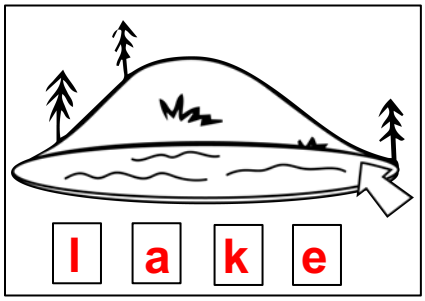


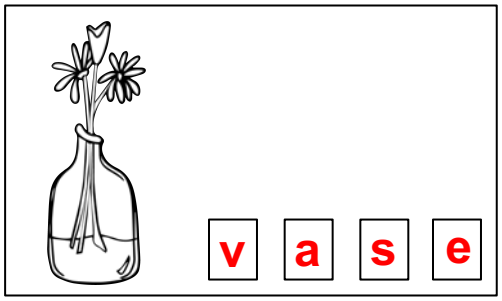


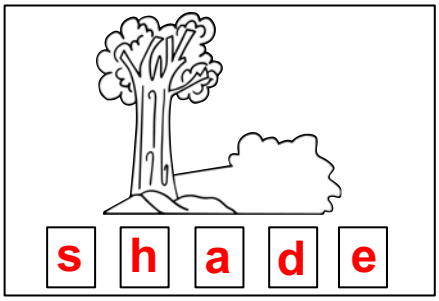


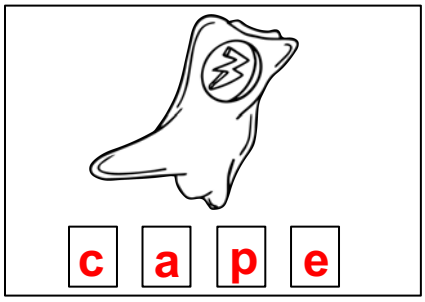


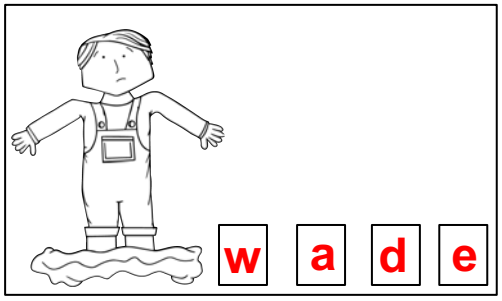


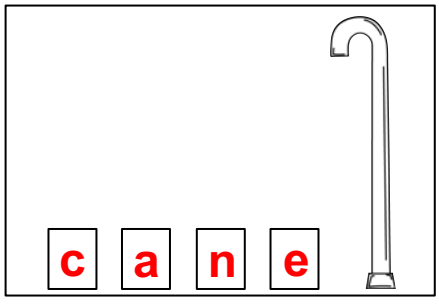












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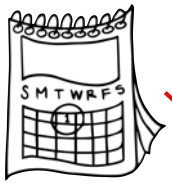
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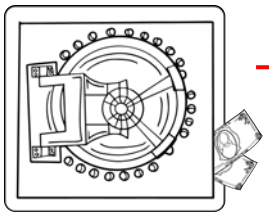
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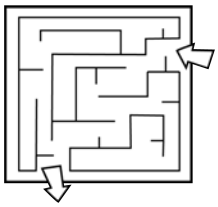
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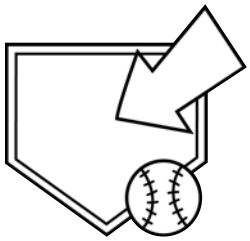
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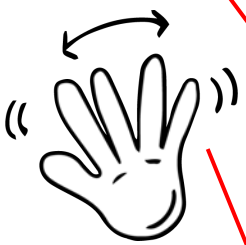
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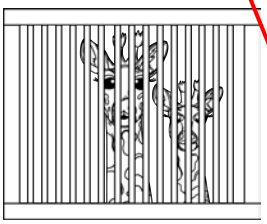
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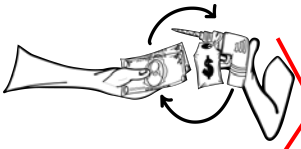
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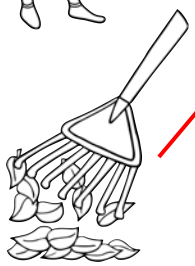












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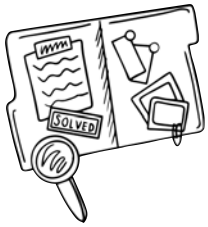
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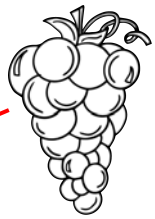
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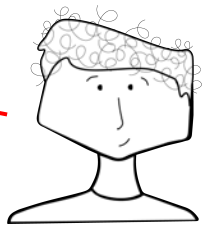
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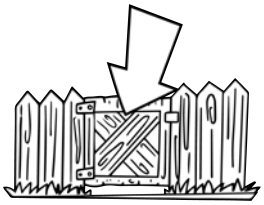
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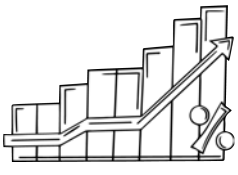












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PERFECT MATCH

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	lace	bake	5
2	spade	game	7
3	trace	tame	8
4	stage	chase	10
5	bake	gate	12
6	shake	lace	1
7	game	stage	4
8	tame	trace	3
9	plane	shake	6
10	chase	spade	2
11	cane	plane	9
12	gate	cane	11

			Number
1	flake	skate	8
2	snake	lane	6
3	male	plate	7
4	scale	cave	9
5	mane	take	11
6	lane	snake	2
7	plate	scale	4
8	skate	whale	10
9	cave	flake	1
10	whale	rake	12
11	take	male	3
12	rake	mane	5

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2	wade	late	9
3	blade	gave	11
4	cage	flame	7
5	outrage	cage	4
6	brake	face	1
7	flame	grape	10
8	insane	blade	3
9	late	outrage	5
10	grape	insane	8
11	gave	shave	12
12	shave	wade	2

			Number
1	frame	shape	9
2	space	save	8
3	race	crate	7
4	trace	brave	11
5	shade	space	2
6	grade	trace	4
7	crate	base	10
8	save	frame	1
9	shape	grade	6
10	base	race	3
11	brave	wave	12
12	wave	shade	5

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

cake	same	lake	cane	wake
trail	braid	crane	baby	delay
basic	great	chase	paint	steak
eight	table	backdate	relay	rain
complain	sway	craze	straight	pray
space	faze	blaze	grade	save

CHALLENGE

What letter do the colored in shapes spell? I



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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!

lame	fate	scrape	tame	blame
shame	haze	graze	gaze	daze

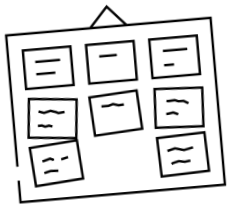
One day Jake got a goat. His mom said it was _____ (f a t e) . Her name was Kate. Kate didn't want to play in her pen. She leapt over the fence and ran into the garden. "Oh, that's just _____ (l a m e) ," Jake groaned, chasing after her. Kate ran so fast that Jake tripped and got a _____ (s c r a p e) on his knee. "You'd better _____ (t a m e) that goat!" his sister Mia yelled. "You always _____ (b l a m e) me when something goes wrong!" Jake finally caught up with Kate, who stood perfectly still in a funny _____ (h a z e) of sunlight. She didn't even move when a butterfly landed on her nose. "You could at least _____ (g r a z e) on the grass instead of my mom's flowers," Jake said, trying not to laugh. Kate looked up at Jake and gave him the calmest _____ (g a z e) he had ever seen. He stood there in a happy _____ (d a z e), realizing that maybe it wasn't a _____ (s h a m e) or trouble that his goat brought him -- just a little adventure and a lot of laughs.

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Rewrite each word in the correct word family column. Then, think of **two new words** that also fit each word family pattern and add them to the list.

lame	fate	scrape	tame	blame	gave	vase	wade
shame	haze	graze	gaze	daze	cane	cave	fade
case	blade	rave	crane	base	name	nape	mane
pave	gape	cape	vane	late	made	plate	slate
shade	mase	lane	grave	chase	craze	state	tape

Word Families

-ame	-ate	-ape	-aze	-ase	-ane	-ave	-ade
lame	fate	scrape	haze	vase	cane	gave	wade
tame	late	nape	graze	case	crane	cave	fade
blame	plate	gape	gaze	base	mane	rave	blade
shame	slate	cape	daze	mase	vane	pave	made
name	slate	tape	craze	chase	lane	grave	shade
Bonus Word	Bonus Word	Bonus Word	Bonus Word	Bonus Word	Bonus Word	Bonus Word	Bonus Word
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lame	fate	case	shade	gape	scrape
shame	haze	pave	blade	mase	graze

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

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rave	lane	gaze	vane	blame	base
cape	tame	crane	grave	daze	late

Q	Y	O	I	B	A	I	J	P	H	R	Z	Q	J	M	A
P	V	Y	J	T	R	K	H	P	U	O	T	F	K	C	I
N	Q	F	V	Y	J	V	Q	V	K	G	Y	G	M	N	L
G	L	P	W	S	W	B	D	X	L	U	T	X	F	F	Z
S	G	V	A	N	E	Y	F	Z	X	B	L	K	X	E	P
H	G	Z	C	R	A	V	E	C	R	A	N	E	T	V	M
M	O	Z	P	T	A	M	E	B	F	L	G	R	A	V	E
R	B	F	Q	A	C	Y	F	M	N	F	Z	T	M	I	N
X	L	I	B	Q	A	N	B	X	N	C	B	S	N	F	G
G	A	D	A	Y	P	F	V	A	A	N	W	Y	L	X	J
R	M	A	L	I	E	D	K	G	J	N	O	Y	A	X	V
F	E	Z	A	I	X	R	K	A	U	B	B	W	T	I	N
R	V	E	N	L	E	J	G	Z	K	A	C	P	E	O	T
N	X	C	E	Q	E	Q	B	E	K	S	U	R	K	T	R
V	I	J	E	G	J	X	E	P	Q	E	O	O	M	A	G
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chase	cane	made	vase	nape	state
gave	name	craze	cave	plate	slate

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

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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.



I blame my mom for this haircut



I highkey want this shirt



Where you'll always find my face



My friends are cooler than your friends



Ugh why am I always late for class?



Selfie time!



This Sushi made my day!



We cooked at the Science fair!



Nate gave us all the answers

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TEXT ME!

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

Hey Jake, u coming to the game tonight?! 🏀

Idk…I was gonna, but I'm running kinda late 😅

no excuses, you already made plans with me to go

true 😆 I'll be there. save me a place in the front row?

deal 😂 last time was insane! we got stuck outside forever.

J	a	k	e

g	a	m	e

l	a	t	e

m	a	d	e

s	a	v	e

p	l	a	c	e

i	n	s	a	n	e

hey Nate, u ready for the school game tonight? 🎮

almost! had to save my project file first 😅

lol same. I just made a poster for science — it took *forever*!

cool. did u use the same idea we talked about?

Nah, don't blame me if it turns out bad though

never! I'll wave when I get to the gate — see you soon!

N	a	t	e

g	a	m	e

s	a	v	e

s	a	m	e

s	a	m	e

b	l	a	m	e

w	a	v	e

g	a	t	e

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