# 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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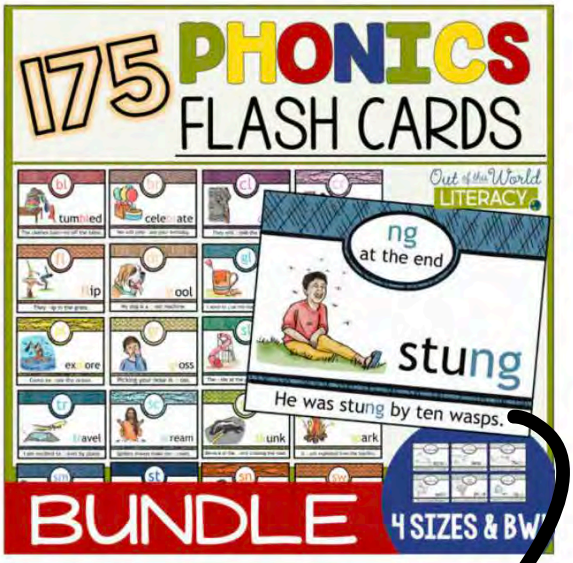
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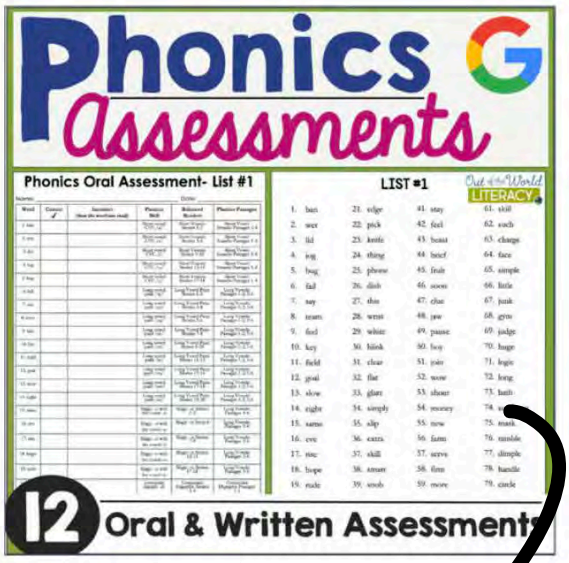
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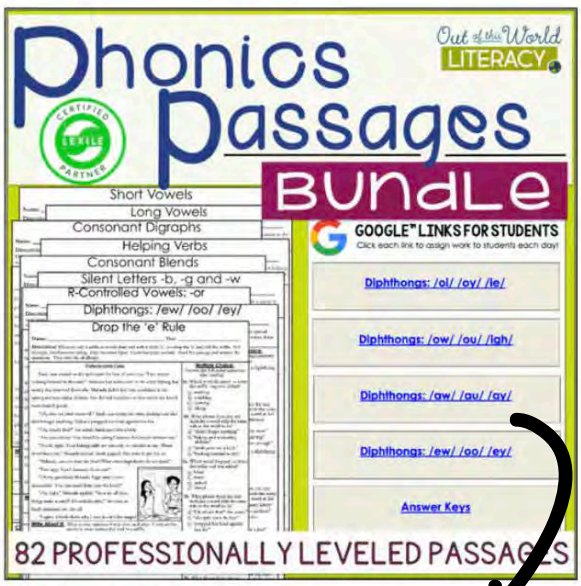



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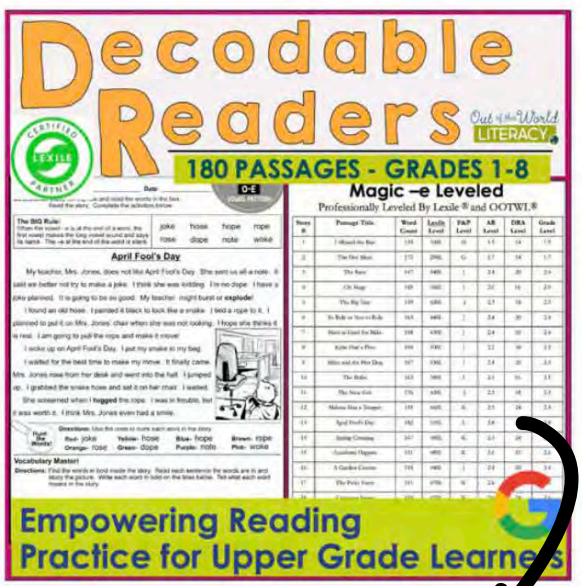



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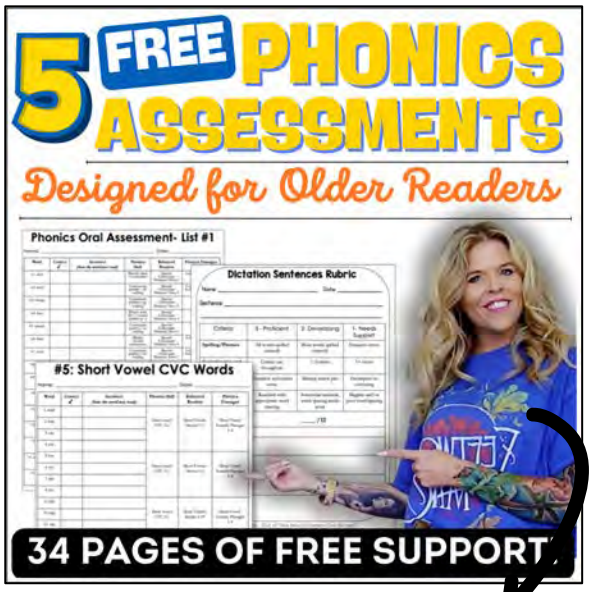



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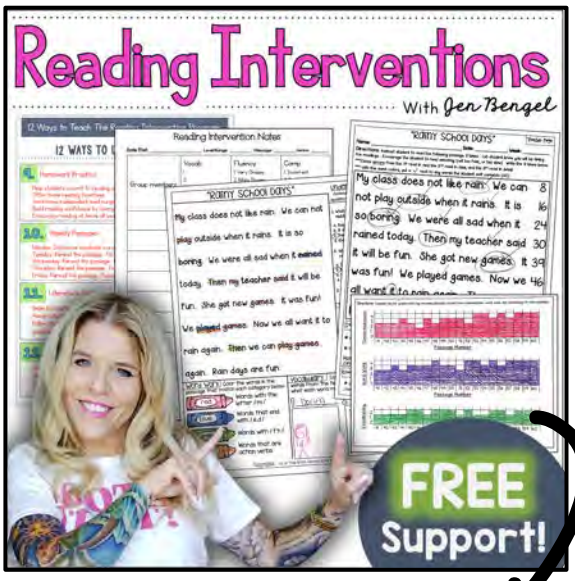



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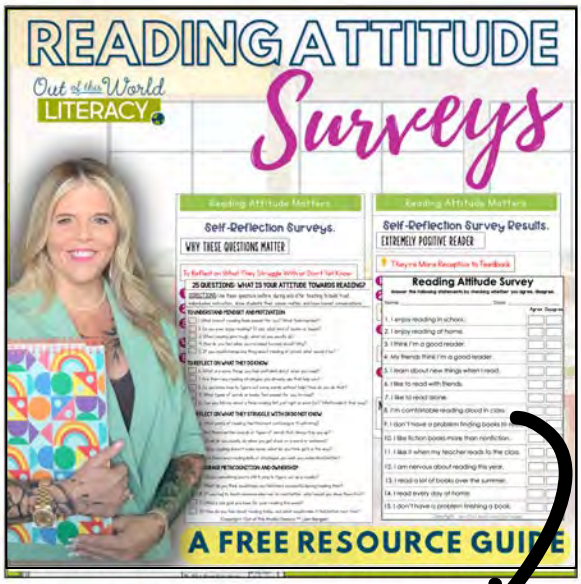



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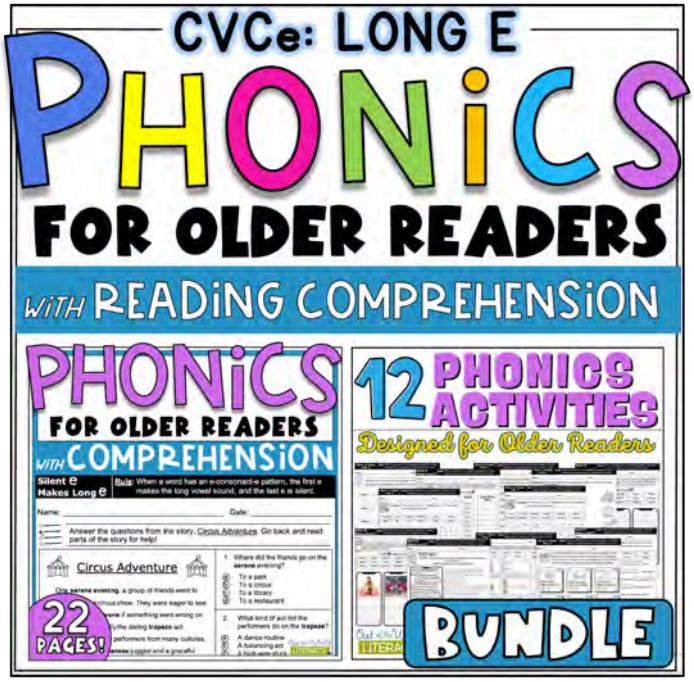



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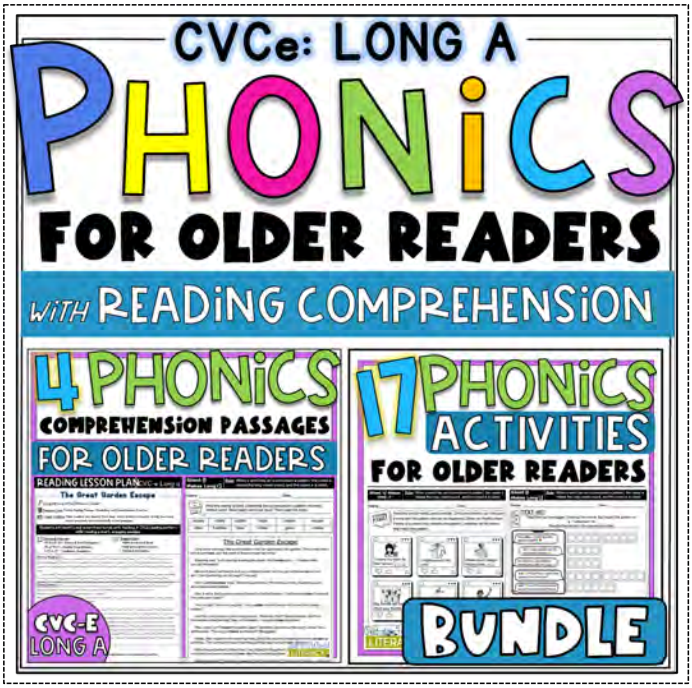



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# SEE MORE PHONICS ACTIVITIES




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# 21 PHONICS ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER READERS

**Silent 'e' Makes long 'u'** | **Rule**: When a word has a u-consonant-e pattern, the vowel u makes the long vowel sound, and the vowel e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

ATTENTION PLEASE!

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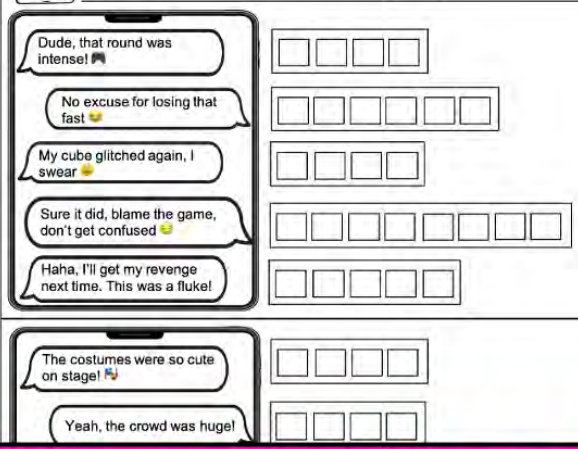



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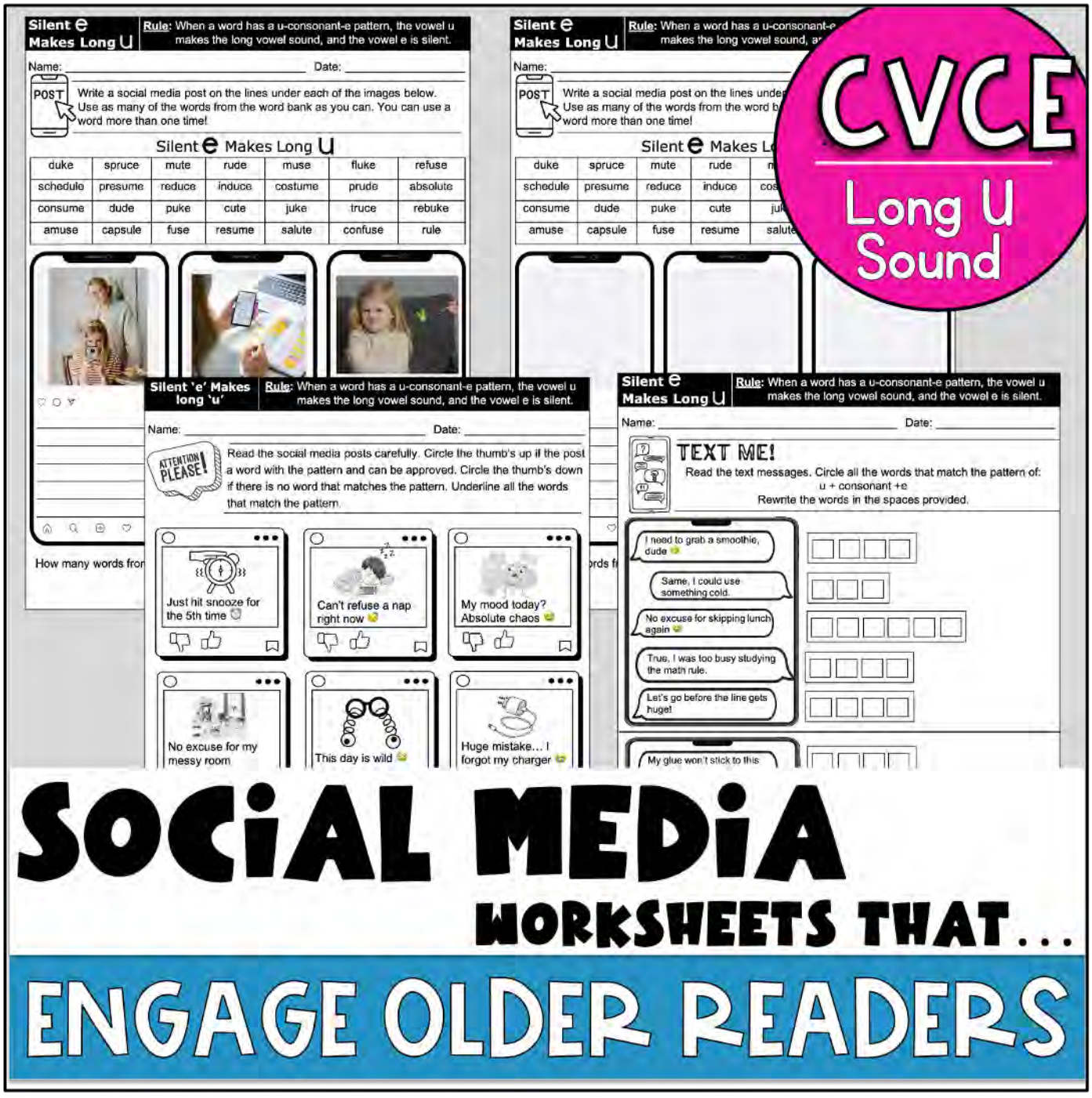
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u + consonant +e
Rewrite the words in the spaces provided.

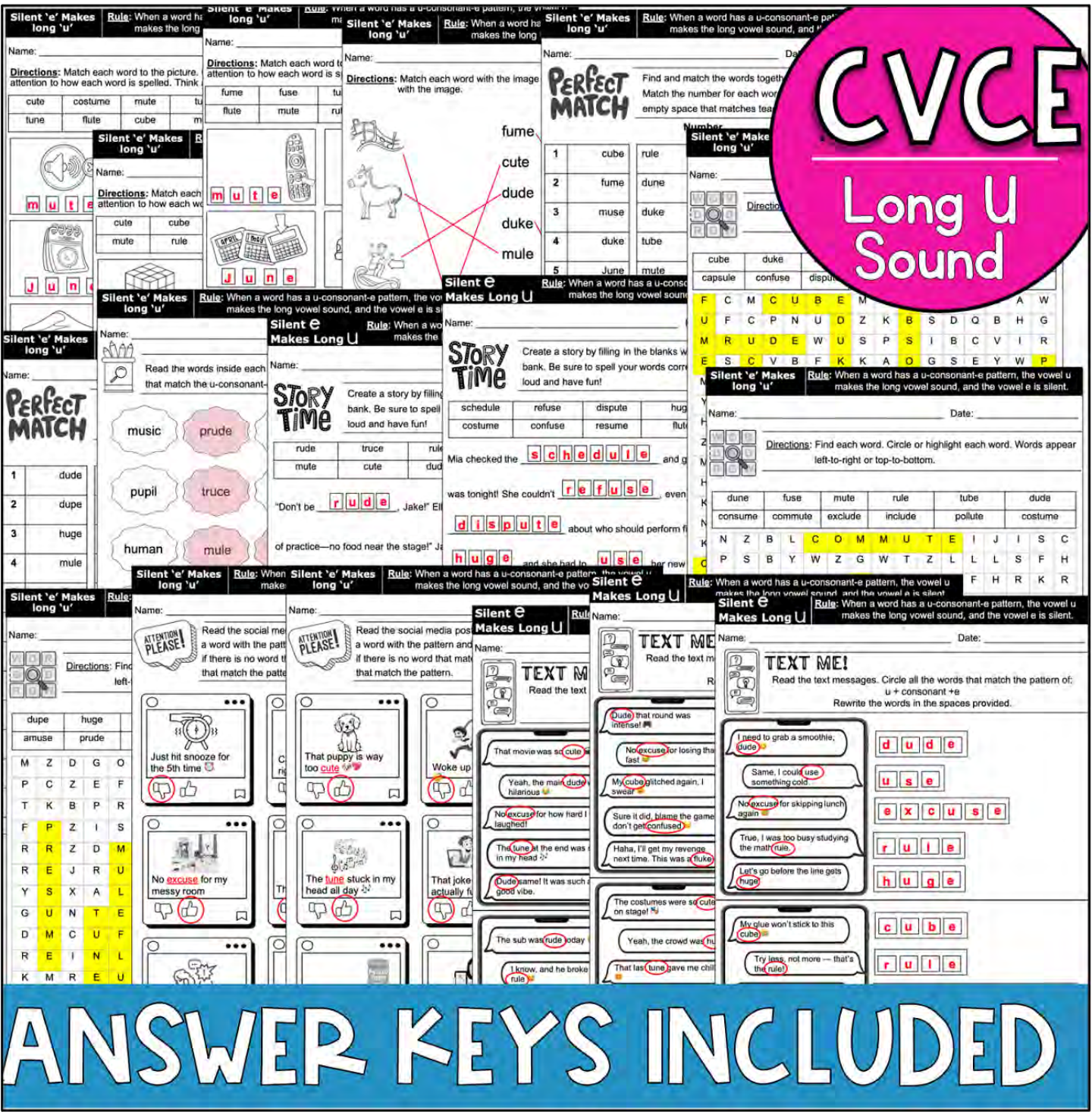



Out of this World LITERACY

U-CONSONANT-E


21
TOTAL WORKSHEETS
FOR OLDER READERS
NO BABYISH STUFF HERE!


Silent e Makes Long U
Rule: When a word has a u-consonant-e pattern, the vowel u makes the long vowel sound, and the vowel e is silent.
Name:
Date:
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!
Silent e Makes Long U
duke spruce mute rude muse fluke refuse
schedule presume reduce induce costume prude absolute
consume dude puke cute juke truce rebuke
amuse capsule fuse resume salute confuse rule
How many words fro
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Just hit snooze for the 5th time
Can't refuse a nap right now
My mood today? Absolute chaos
No excuse for my messy room
This day is wild
Huge mistake... I forgot my charger
Silent e Makes Long U
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Name:
Date:
TEXT ME!
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Same, I could use something cold.
No excuse for skipping lunch again
True, I was too busy studying the math rule.
Let's go before the line gets huge!
My glue won't stick to this
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Directions: Match each word with the image.
fume
cute
dude
duke
mule
PERFECT MATCH
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ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED

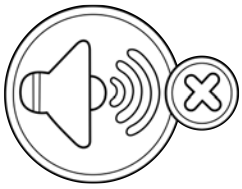
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| tune | flute | cube | mule | June | dune |



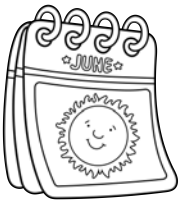
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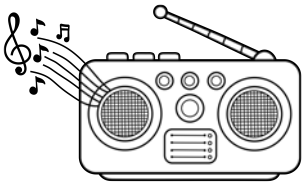
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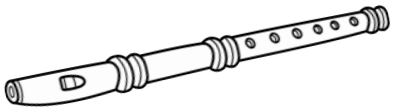
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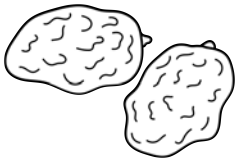
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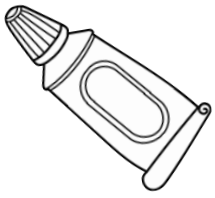
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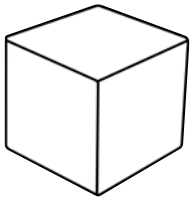
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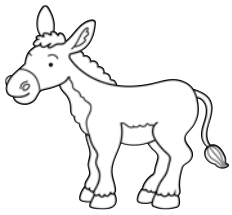
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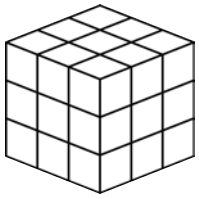
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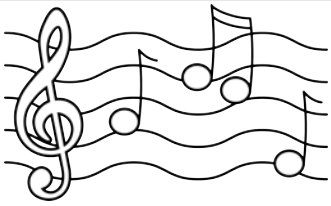
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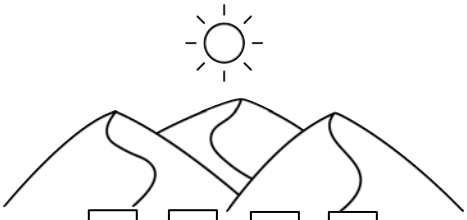
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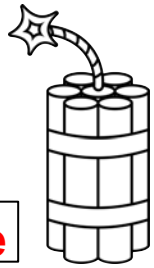
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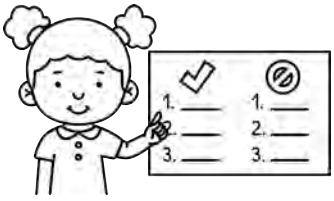
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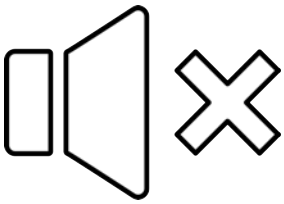
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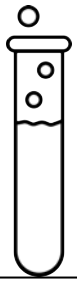
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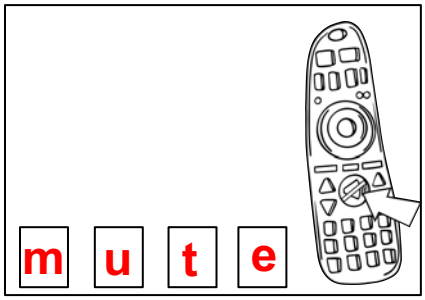
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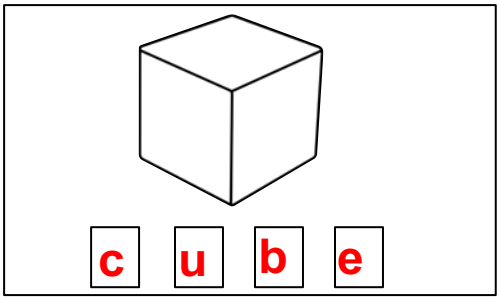
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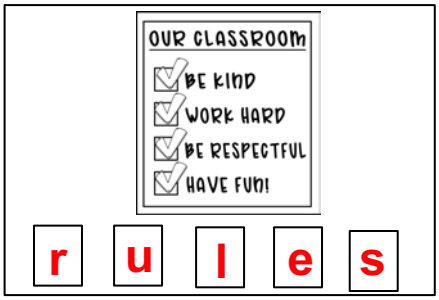
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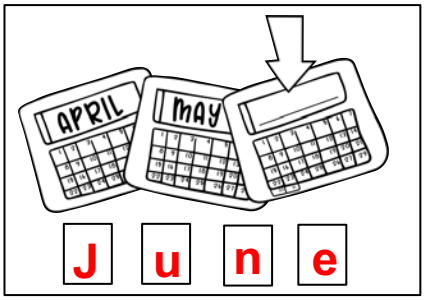
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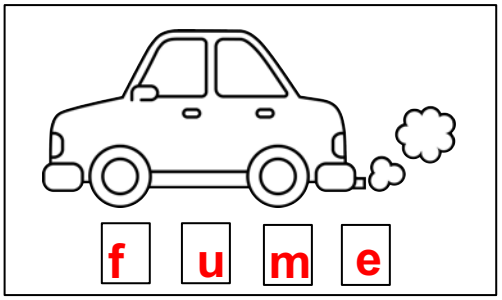

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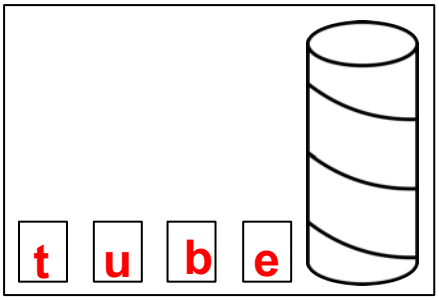


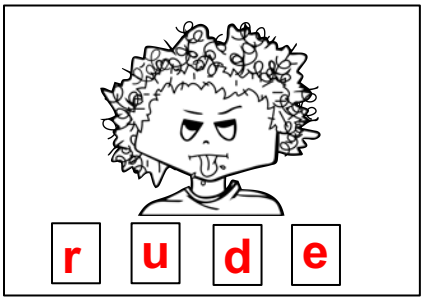
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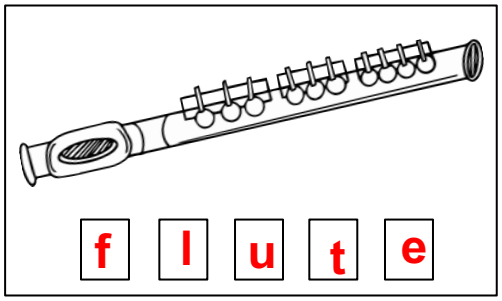


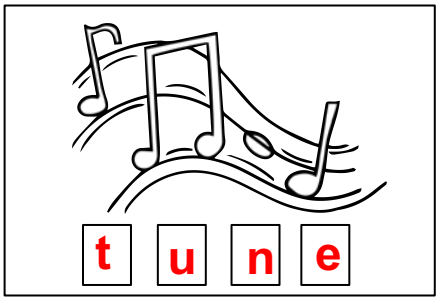
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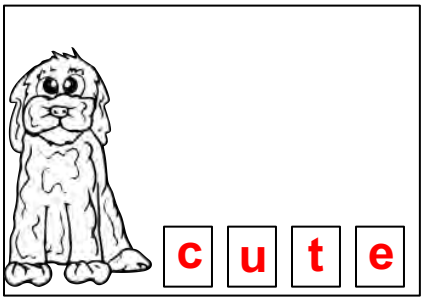

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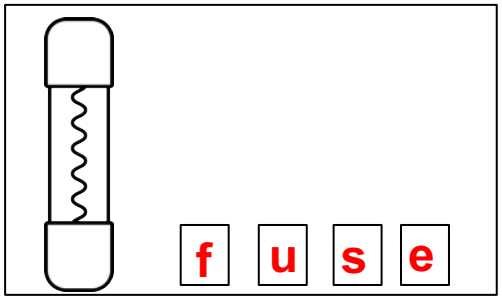

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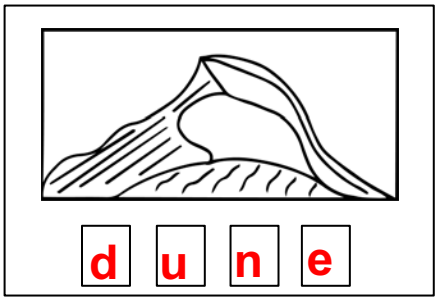

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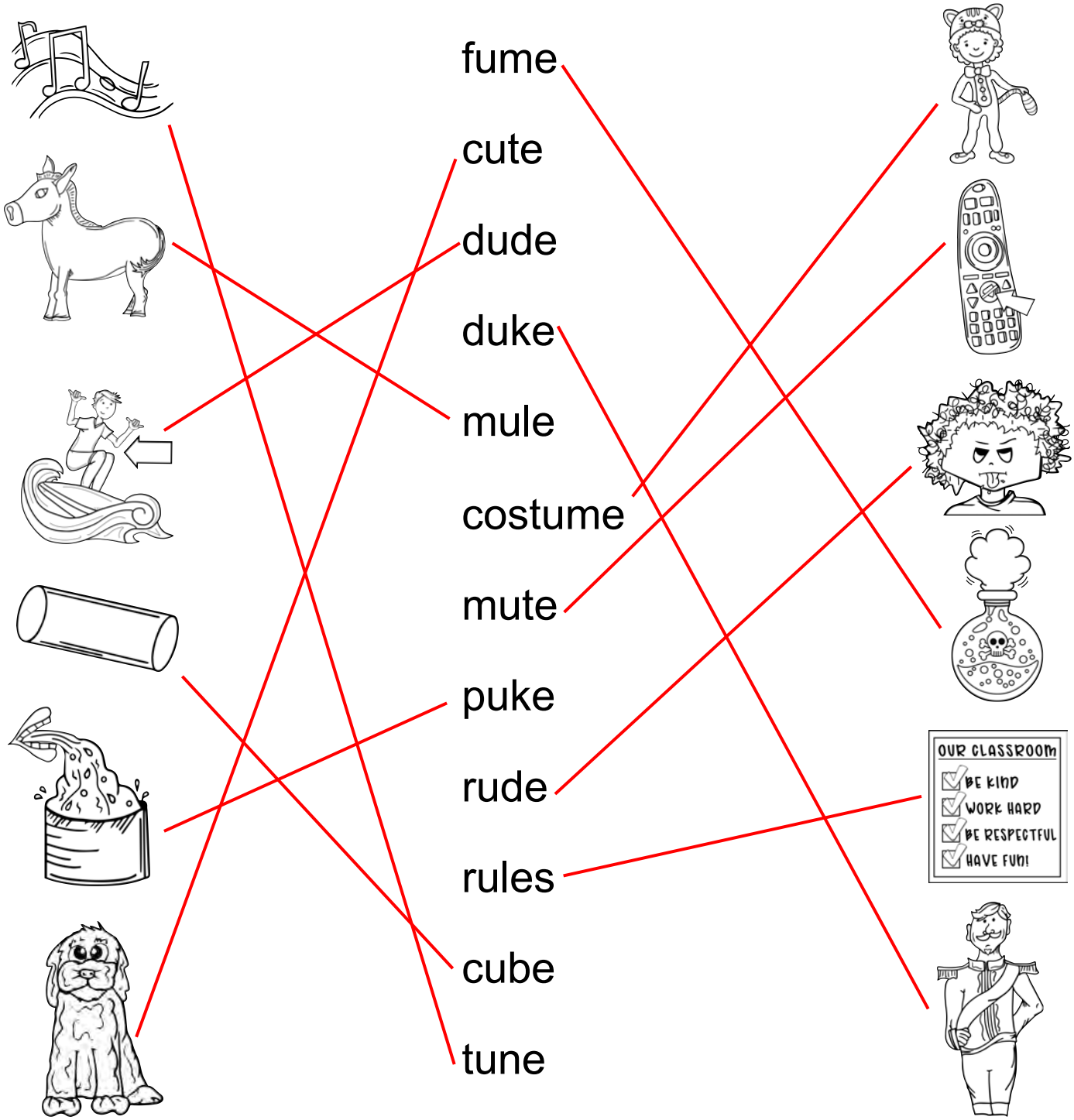
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# PERFECT MATCH

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| 1 | cube | rule | 11 |
| 2 | fume | dune | 8 |
| 3 | muse | duke | 4 |
| 4 | duke | tube | 12 |
| 5 | June | mute | 10 |
| 6 | rude | cube | 1 |
| 7 | cute | June | 5 |
| 8 | dune | fume | 2 |
| 9 | fuse | fuse | 9 |
| 10 | mute | muse | 3 |
| 11 | rule | rude | 6 |
| 12 | tube | cute | 7 |

| | | | Number |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | accuse | include | 11 |
| 2 | excuse | perfume | 8 |
| 3 | reduce | salute | 4 |
| 4 | salute | consume | 12 |
| 5 | volume | accuse | 1 |
| 6 | confuse | confuse | 6 |
| 7 | dispute | excuse | 2 |
| 8 | perfume | reduce | 3 |
| 9 | absolute | attitude | 10 |
| 10 | attitude | volume | 5 |
| 11 | include | dispute | 7 |
| 12 | consume | absolute | 9 |

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| 1 | dude | brute | 9 |
| 2 | dupe | prude | 11 |
| 3 | huge | rune | 6 |
| 4 | mule | truce | 12 |
| 5 | flute | dude | 1 |
| 6 | rune | amuse | 10 |
| 7 | tune | huge | 3 |
| 8 | dune | dupe | 2 |
| 9 | brute | flute | 5 |
| 10 | amuse | mule | 4 |
| 11 | prude | dune | 8 |
| 12 | truce | tune | 7 |

| | | | Number |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | prune | pollute | 9 |
| 2 | dilute | costume | 11 |
| 3 | resume | exclude | 8 |
| 4 | refuse | prune | 1 |
| 5 | immune | capsule | 12 |
| 6 | spruce | dilute | 2 |
| 7 | defuse | resume | 3 |
| 8 | exclude | refuse | 4 |
| 9 | pollute | immune | 5 |
| 10 | commute | commute | 10 |
| 11 | costume | spruce | 6 |
| 12 | capsule | defuse | 7 |

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

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| music | prude | would | stood | absolute |
| pupil | truce | knew | few | dude |
| human | mule | exclude | include | puke |
| cue | fuse | tulip | truth | confuse |
| clue | fume | blue | mood | cute |
| suit | spruce | issue | food | juke |

**CHALLENGE**

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



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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!

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| rude | truce | rule | amuse | absolute |
| mute | cute | dude | consume | include |

"Don't be r u d e, Jake!" Ella said. "You broke the main r u l e of practice—no food near the stage!" Jake laughed. "Okay, okay, I'll call a t r u c e. My snack's gone anyway." Ella rolled her eyes, trying not to a m u s e herself. "You're an a b s o l u t e mess," she said, but she smiled. "Hey, I can m u t e my silliness if you want," Jake joked. "But then rehearsal would be boring." "You're impossible, d u d e," Ella laughed. "Let's i n c l u d e that dance move again before we c o n s u m e all our time talking!"

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| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| schedule | refuse | dispute | huge | use |
| costume | confuse | resume | flute | fume |

Mia checked the s c h e d u l e and gasped — the talent show was tonight! She couldn't r e f u s e, even though there was a d i s p u t e about who should perform first. The stage was h u g e, and she had to u s e her new sparkly c o s t u m e. But when she saw her friend Max dressed as a robot, it started to c o n f u s e her. "Oh no," Mia said, "I thought this was the music show, not the play!" Max laughed. "It's both! You play your f l u t e, and I act." Mia started to f u m e, then smiled. "Fine! Let's r e s u m e practice before we run out of time!"

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| cube | duke | fume | muse | rude | cute |
| capsule | confuse | dispute | perfume | absolute | attitude |

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| E | S | C | V | B | F | K | K | A | O | G | S | E | Y | W | P |
| M | C | U | J | F | S | E | H | S | L | M | V | R | K | M | E |
| Y | X | T | E | Z | W | X | C | Q | U | X | L | B | D | N | R |
| H | C | E | K | T | Y | T | T | M | T | Y | K | A | U | I | F |
| Z | O | M | P | H | L | R | M | N | E | F | V | S | C | V | U |
| M | C | U | Y | T | J | D | I | S | P | U | T | E | A | Z | M |
| H | W | S | C | C | I | E | M | W | Z | U | E | X | P | M | E |
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| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| dune | fuse | mute | rule | tube | dude |
| consume | commute | exclude | include | pollute | costume |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N | Z | B | L | C | O | M | M | U | T | E | I | J | I | S | C |
| P | S | B | Y | W | Z | G | W | T | Z | L | L | L | S | F | H |
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| X | I | N | C | L | U | D | E | Q | X | X | N | C | B | Y | D |
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| dupe | huge | mule | tune | intrude | presume |
| amuse | prude | flute | truce | prune | refuse |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M | Z | D | G | O | N | W | R | Z | D | I | U | B | R | G |
| P | C | Z | E | F | D | Q | T | G | U | E | I | U | J | X |
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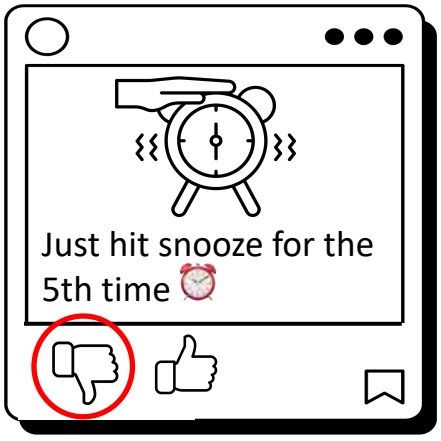
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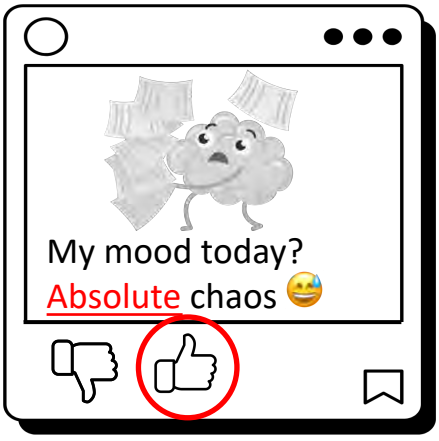


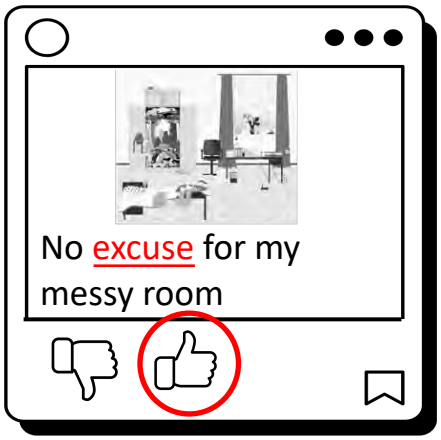

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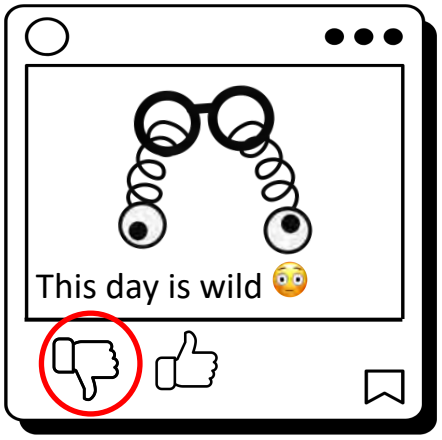


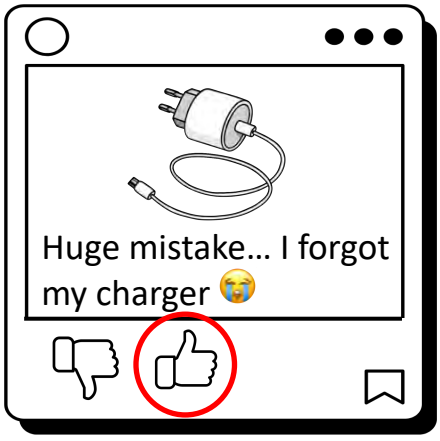


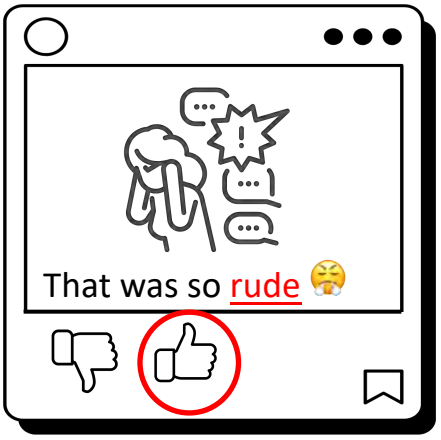




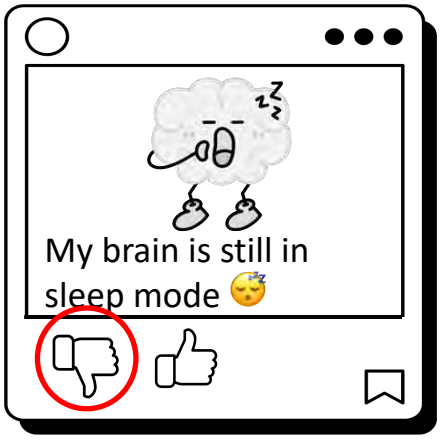










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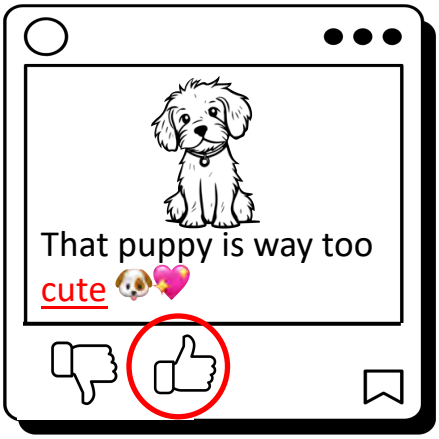
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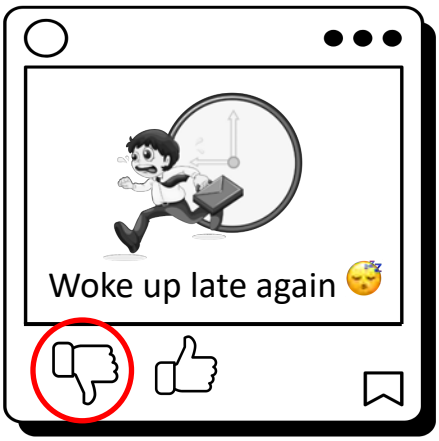
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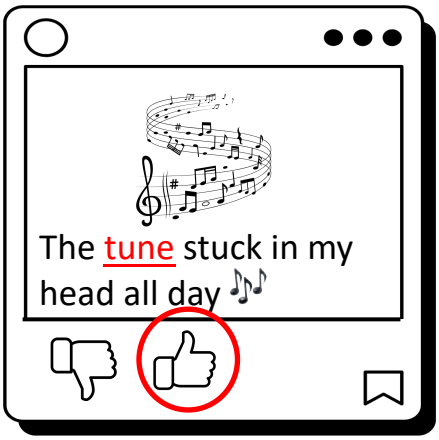

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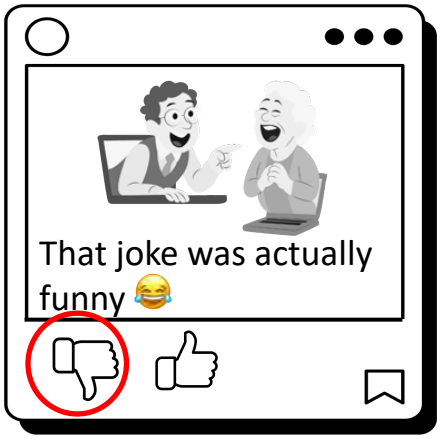


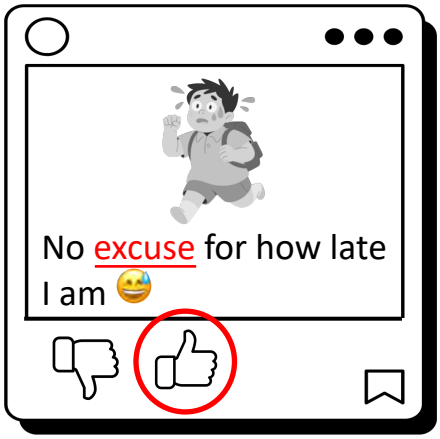



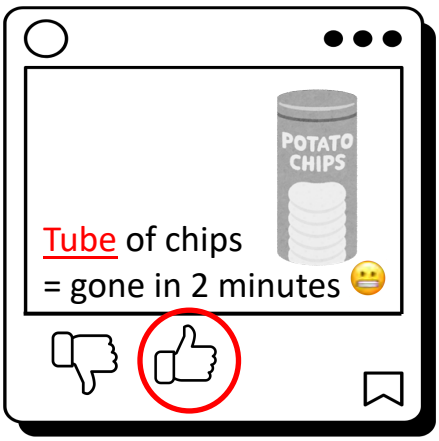


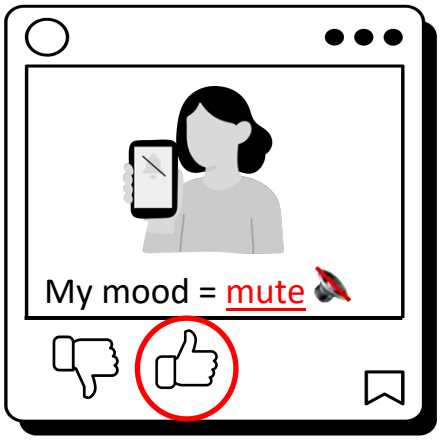






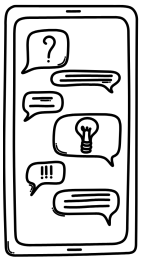


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## TEXT ME!

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

That movie was so cute 🎬

Yeah, the main dude was hilarious 😂

No excuse for how hard I laughed!

The tune at the end was stuck in my head 🎶

Dude same! It was such a good vibe.

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| d | u | d | e |
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The sub was rude today 😬

I know, and he broke every rule 😅

At least we got to mute the group chat 😂

True, my phone was blowing up like an absolute mess!

Hope tomorrow's teacher is more chill with the schedule.

| r | u | d | e |
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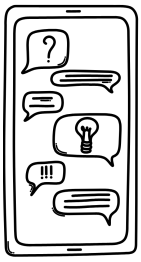
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Dude, that round was intense! 🎮

d u d e

No excuse for losing that fast 😂

e x c u s e

My cube glitched again, I swear 😩

c u b e

Sure it did, blame the game, don't get confused 😏

c o n f u s e d

Haha, I'll get my revenge next time. This was a fluke!

f l u k e

The costumes were so cute on stage! 🎭

c u t e

Yeah, the crowd was huge!

h u g e

That last tune gave me chills 😍

t u n e

Same dude! Total movie moment.

d u d e

We ruled that performance 👏

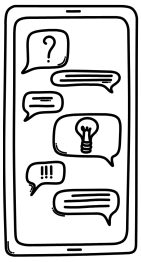
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I need to grab a smoothie, dude

Same, I could use something cold.

No excuse for skipping lunch again

True, I was too busy studying the math rule.

Let's go before the line gets huge!

d u d e

u s e

e x c u s e

r u l e

h u g e

My glue won't stick to this cube

Try less, not more — that's the rule!

Ugh, this project is so confusing.

Excuse me, I'm basically an art pro now

Lol, fine, I'll take your advice, dude.

c u b e

r u l e

c o n f u s i n g

e x c u s e

d u d e

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