

Word Chaining with Magic 'e'

Purpose: spelling with silent 'e' words

READING WORDS

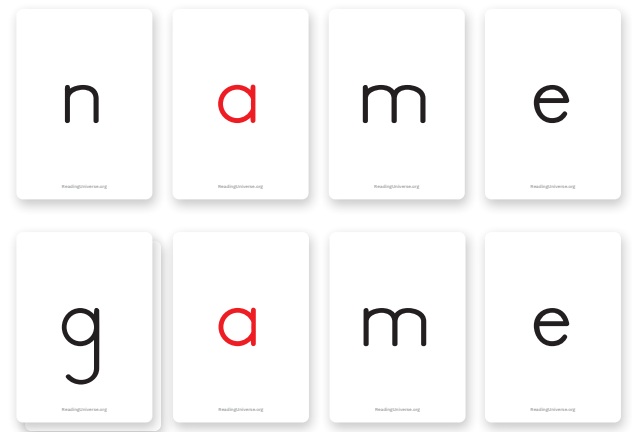
In this activity, teachers will turn short words into new words by changing a single letter or sound, and students will read the words.

Materials:

- set of lowercase letter cards except 'x', 'y', and 'z'.

Directions:

- Select the letter cards needed to build all the words in the lesson. (If students need to review the letter sounds prior to reading words, do a quick warm-up with the cards.)
- Build a word with the letter cards (i.e., *name*) and make sure all students can see the word. You can do this with a pocket chart, document camera, whiteboard, etc.
- Say, "Let's make the sounds together and then read the word: /n/, /ā/, /m/, *name*."
- Switch the word by placing a new letter on top of an existing letter. For instance, place a 'g' on top of the 'n' to turn *name* into *game*.
- Have students, as a group, say the sounds in the word if they need that level of scaffolding (/g/, /ā/, /m/, *name*). Otherwise just have the group read the new word.
- Remember to discuss word meanings all along the way!



Word Chaining Example

original word



substitution



deletion



substitution



Word Chaining with Magic 'e'

Seven word chains with Magic 'e'

name	note	kite	made	use	tape	quit
game	nope	bite	make	fuse	tap	quite
gate	rope	bide	bake	muse	cap	white
date	rode	side	shake	mule	cup	bite
fate	code	ride	shape	mute	cut	bit
fame	cove	ripe	cape	cute	cute	bet
same	cave	wipe	cope	cube	cube	but
came	save	wide	mope	tube	cub	cut
cane	same	wine	mode	tune	cob	cute
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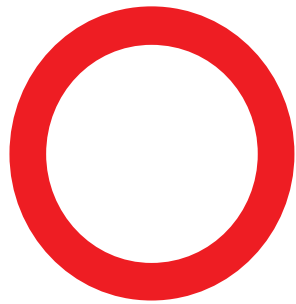


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