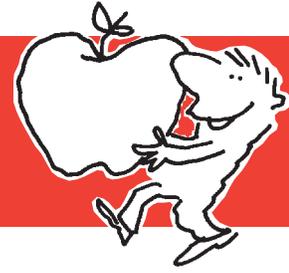


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# Here's an Instant Activity for May 7, 2007



## STRATEGY FOR SPELLING SUCCESS

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For most learners, spelling well doesn't just happen. It is the result of a conscientious spelling and word-skill curriculum that:

1. provides a menu of skill-building activities that range in sophistication to teach critical concepts at a student's own level,
2. uses assessment to gather information to target word study to the specific words each student has not learned from among all previously introduced words in the program, as well as to identify skills not yet mastered,
3. equips teachers with guidelines for spelling expectations in everyday writing that increase as students develop as writers, making the classroom a rehearsal for real-world writing, *and*
4. proposes multiple opportunities to engage parents in their child's acquisition of spelling skills.

This Instant Activity helps teachers achieve item number 1 above—and item number 4, if the activity is assigned as homework.

Meeting state standards is a priority of the Sourcebook Series. Instant Activities further support skills and concepts reflected in state standards.



## LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

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Approximately Grade 2



## PURPOSE

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To provide practice building visual skills and reinforcement of short/long vowel sounds.

Skills: visual skills, short/long vowel sounds, making words, vocabulary development, word analysis



## SUGGESTED USE

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Use this Instant Activity with the Level 2 Sourcebook (2nd or 3rd Edition), Unit 25, Activity 2B, page 243. This Instant Activity is adapted from Word Skills in Rhythm and Rhyme Level 2.



## TEACHING DIRECTIONS

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Write *lips* and *meat* on the chalkboard. Ask students to identify the word that has a short vowel sound and the word that has a long vowel sound. Select a student to underline the vowels in the words. Remind students that short vowel words are usually spelled with one vowel letter and long vowel words are usually spelled with two vowel letters.

Next, write *s \_ \_ \_* and ask students if they can rearrange the letters in *lips* to spell a new word (slip). Then write *t \_ \_ \_* and ask students if they can rearrange the letters in *meat* to spell a new word (team or tame). You may wish to provide clues to elicit one response or the other.

Print the Instant Activity and distribute a copy to each student. Discuss the activity to ensure that students know what is expected. Then ask students to complete the activity at home or at school.



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## FOLLOW-UP

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Have students pair and share their answers to the Instant Activity.

1. stop; 2. tea; 3. stack; 4. name; 5. but; 6. nest; 7. end; 8. note.

For challenge, ask students to write new words by changing one letter in each of their answer words. Do the first one for students, demonstrating how you can change *stop* to *shop* or *step*. (Other possibilities include: tea—pea, sea, ten; stack—stick, stock, stuck, shack, slack, smack; name—fame, game, lame, same, tame; but—hut, nut, put, rut, bat, bet, bit, bud, bug, bum, bun, bus; nest—best, pest, rest, test, vest, neat, next; end—and; note—nose, tote.



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## FOR MORE

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- For more activities to teach all the essential skills and concepts, and to develop a total spelling and language-related program, use the Sourcebook for Teaching Spelling and Word Skills for your grade level (grades 1–8). Download and print a sample unit for your grade level from our website, [www.sittonspelling.com](http://www.sittonspelling.com).
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## Make New Words

Mix the letters to make new words.

1. Change **p o t s** to s \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Change **a t e** to t \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Change **t a c k s** to s \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. Change **m e a n** to n \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. Change **t u b** to b \_\_\_\_\_ .

6. Change **s e n t** to n \_\_\_\_\_ .

7. Change **d e n** to e \_\_\_\_\_ .

8. Change **t o n e** to n \_\_\_\_\_ .



Sort your words into two groups: words with a short vowel sound and words with a long vowel sound. Underline the vowel letters in each word. Remember—short vowel sounds are usually spelled with one vowel letter and long vowel sounds are usually spelled with two vowel letters.

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