

# MAKING WORDS ACTIVITIES

## What is Making Words?

The Making Words activity sheets are hands-on spelling lessons designed to help students strengthen phonemic awareness, spelling patterns, and vocabulary through active letter manipulation.

Each country unit includes its own themed Making Words lesson. Students use a specific set of letters to build smaller words step-by-step before revealing the final “puzzle word.”

This activity works wonderfully in mixed-age settings and can be completed in 10–20 minutes.

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## Materials Needed:

- Moveable alphabet letters (wood or plastic letters, Bananagrams, or you may use the free printable letters found [[HERE](#)])
- The Making Words activity sheet for your selected country
- Pencil (optional for recording words)
- Notebook or journal (optional for recording words)

## Before You Begin:

- Set out only the letters needed for the lesson's final puzzle word.
- If needed, briefly review letter sounds, blends, or digraphs that may appear in the lesson.

## How to Teach the Lesson:

- Read the prompt aloud from the activity sheet.
- Students:
  - Manipulate the letters
  - Rearrange, add, or move letters as directed
  - Build the word using only the provided letters
- Encourage students to say the word aloud after building it or use it in a sentence.
- After building all listed words, students will then be challenged to use all the letters to form the final "puzzle" word.
- Provide hints if needed.

## Learning Extension:

- Students may write the words in a notebook, sort words by spelling patterns, or highlight other word features (short vowel, long vowel, blends, suffixes, etc.).
- Recording is optional but can be helpful for some students.

## More Information:

For additional information on the Making Words spelling program, you may wish to read our blog post found [[HERE](#)].