

# WORD RACE

**LEVEL:** K+

**SKILLS:** Creating 3-letter words, ending sounds, middle sounds

**EQUIPMENT:** Letter die, Word Race game board, letter tiles (optional)

**GOAL:** To make words by combining a rolled letter with a phonogram

**NOTE:** It can be helpful to review the letter die with your students. Which are vowels which are consonants (hint: they are different colours on the die). Also note that some letters are underlined to avoid confusion with other letters.

## TO PLAY:

- (Var. 1) Pick a phonogram family from the suggested list. (e.g., "et"). Roll the letter die and ask: can you create a word using the letter rolled and the phonogram (e.g., 'get' or 'met')?
- Players take turns rolling the letter die until they can combine their letter with the phonogram to create a word. Write the completed words in a frame on the word race board.
- (Var. 2) Pre-fill the game board with a selection of phonograms
- Players take turns rolling the letter die until they can combine their letter with any of the phonograms on their board to create a word.

**PRO TIP #1:** Students may use blends. If the phonogram is 'ack' and they roll an 's', they can complete the word as 'stack' or 'snack'.

**PRO TIP #2:** Play competitively or cooperatively. If you're playing together your goal might be to fill the board. If you're playing competitively, each player might have to fill a column or row. Try writing your words in different colours and see who has the most when all the frames are filled.



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## PHONOGRAM SUGGESTIONS

ack	an	aw	est	ill	oke	ough	ump
ad	and	ay	et	in	og	ound	un
ail	ank	eat	ice	ine	old	ow	unk
ain	ap	ed	ick	ing	ook	oy	up
ake	ar	ell	id	ink	or	ub	ur
ale	ash	er	ide	ip	op	uck	
all	at	en	ight	it	ore	ug	
ame	ate	ent	ike	ock	ot	um	

