

Bat the Ball!

Players: whole class

Skill

blending

★ Materials ★

- ball patterns, page 49
- bat patterns, page 50
- scissors
- marker

Phonics Fact

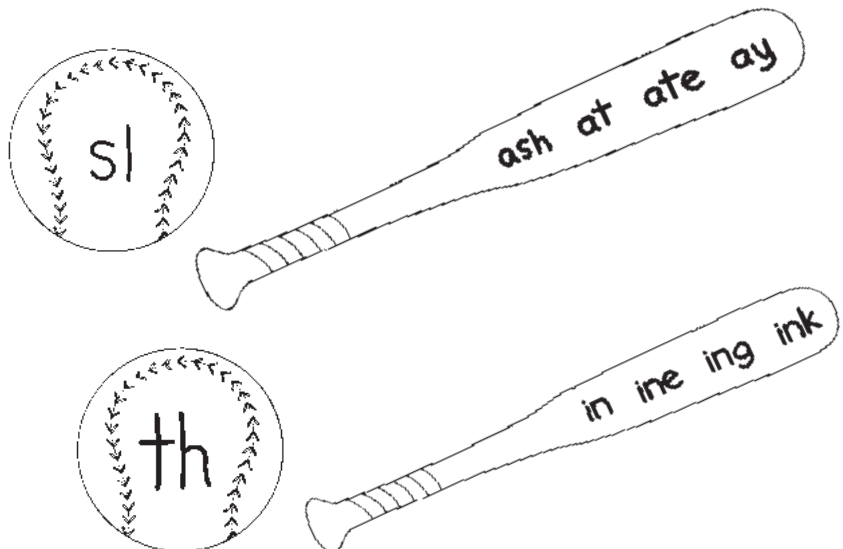
A phonogram (or word family) is a letter (or series of letters) that stands for a sound, syllable, or series of sounds without reference to meaning. For example, the phonogram *at* contains two letters and stands for two sounds (/at/). It can be found in words such as *at*, *cat*, and *Saturday*. The phonogram *oat* contains three letters and stands for two sounds (/ot/). It can be found in words such as *boat*, *float*, and *oatmeal*.

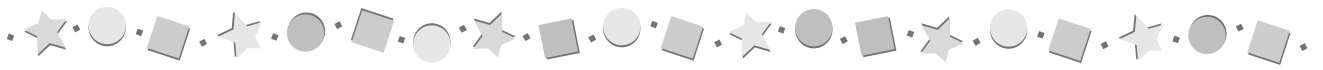
Getting Ready

- ★ Make 30 balls using the ball pattern. On each ball, write one of the following consonant digraphs or clusters: *ch, sh, th, wh, ph, thr, shr, ph, br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr, bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl, sk, sm, sn, sp, st, sw, str, spr, spl*.
- ★ Make 10 bats using the bat pattern. On each bat, write one of the following sets of vowel phonograms: *ack, ail, ain, ake; ame, an, ank, ap; ash, at, ate, ay; eat, ell, est, ice; ick, ide, ight, ill; in, ine, ing, ink; ip, ock, op, uck; ig, unk, ale, aw; ir, oke, ore, ump; or, ang, oast, oom*. (For other phonograms, see page 48.)
- ★ Create a ball field in the classroom by designating one corner of the room for each base, including home plate.

How to Play

- 1 Divide the class into two teams. Invite children to name their teams using words that contain clusters and digraphs (for example, “The Great Base Stealers”).
- 2 In turn, one player from the first team selects a bat. A pitcher “throws” a ball to the player. The player must then form a word using the beginning sound-spelling on the ball and one or more of the vowel spellings on the bat.





- 3 If the player can use all four vowel spellings to make a word, he or she earns a home run. If the player can use three of the spellings, a triple is earned. If two are used, a double is earned. And if one is used, a single is earned. If the player is unable to form a word, an out is earned.
- 4 The player moves that number of bases and the game continues. After three outs, the second team is up at bat.

Variations

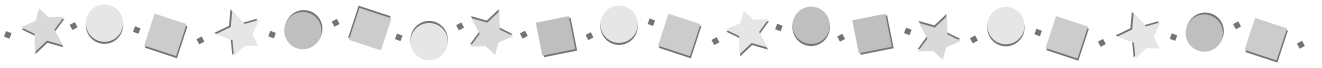
- You may wish to have teams take turns at bat. In this version, more than one player can be on any given base and teams earn points until three outs are scored.
- Use other vowel phonograms focusing on the vowel spellings you wish to review. See the lists of phonograms scored.

Vowel Phonograms

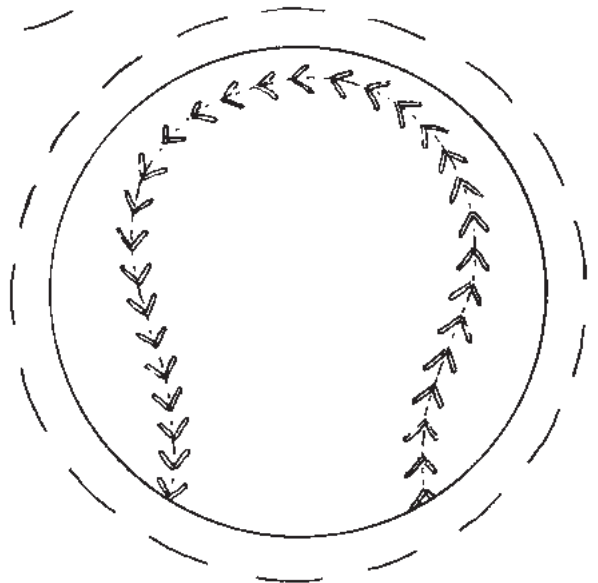
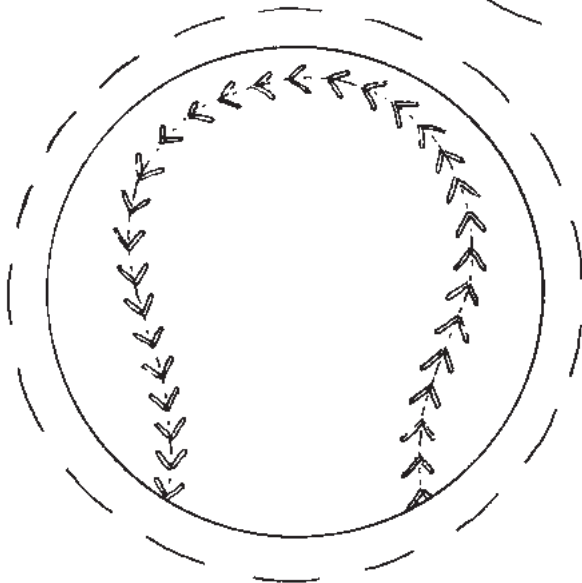
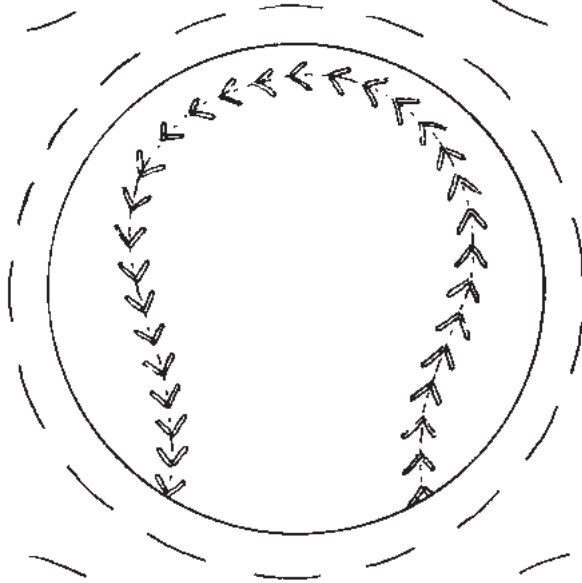
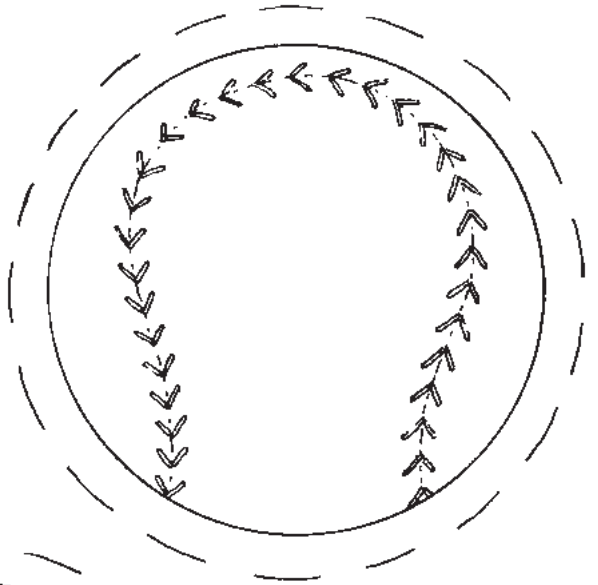
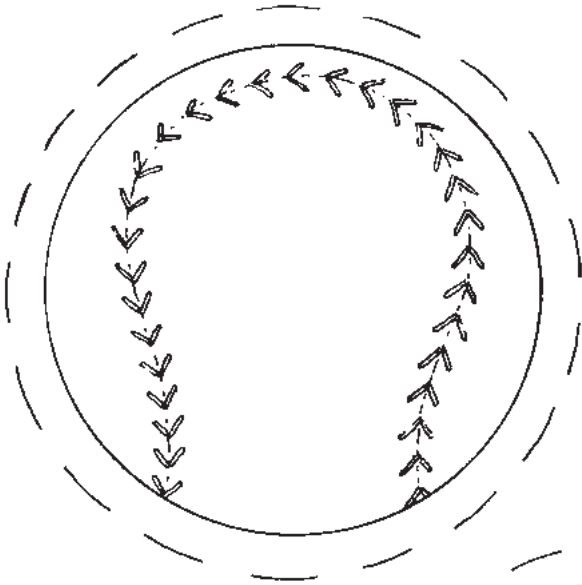
Short-Vowel Phonograms: ab, ack, act, ad, aft, ag, am, amp, an, ance, anch, and, ang, ank, ant, ap, ash, ask, asm, asp, ast, at, atch, ath, ax, ead, ealth, eath, eck, ed, edge, eft, eg, eld, elf, ell, elp, elt, em, en, ence, ench, end, ength, ense, ent, ep, ept, esh, ess, est, et, etch, ext, ib, ick, id, iff, ift, ig, ilk, ill, ilt, im, imp, in, ince, inch, ing, inge, ink, int, ip, is, ish, isk, isp, iss, ist, it, itch, ive, ix, ob, ock, od, oft, og, omp, ond, op, ot, otch, ough, ox, ome, on, ough, ove, ub, uch, uck, ud, udge, uff, ug, ulk, ull, um, umb, ump, un, unch, ung, unk, unt, up, us, ush, ust, ut, utch, utt

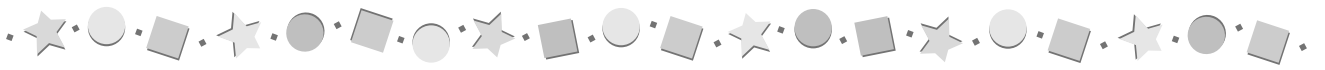
Long-Vowel Phonograms: ace, ade, age, aid, ail, ain, aint, aise, ait, ake, ale, ame, ane, ange, ape, ase, aste, ate, ave, ay, aze, eak, eigh, ey, e, ea, each, ead, eak, eal, eam, ean, eap, ear, ease, east, eat, eath, eave, ee, eech, eed, eek, eel, eem, een, eep, eer, eet, eeze, iece, ief, ield, ibe, ice, ide, ie, ied, ier, ies, ife, igh, ight, ike, ild, ile, ime, ind, ine, ipe, ire, ise, ite, ive, uy, y, ye, o, oach, oad, oak, oal, oam, oan, oast, oat, obe, ode, oe, oke, old, ole, oll, olt, ome, one, ope, ose, ost, ote, ove, ow, own

Other Vowel Phonograms: air, are, ear, earn, erb, erge, erk, erm, ern, erve, ir, ird, irk, irl, irst, irt, irth, ur, urb, urge, url, urn, urk, urse, urt, ar, ard, arge, ark, arm, arn, arp, art, all, alk, alt, aught, aunch, aunt, ault, aw, awl, awn, ong, oss, ost, oth, ought, oar, oor, orch, ord, ore, ork, orm, orn, ort, our, oil, oin, oint, oise, oist, oy, ouch, oud, ounce, ount, ound, our, ouse, out, outh, ow, owl, own, ew, o, oo, ood, oof, ool, oom, oon, oop, oose, oot, ooth, ooze, oup, ube, uce, ude, ue, uke, ule, ume, une, ure, use, ute, uth, ood, ook, oot, ould, ull, ush



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