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Ages 3+

# 3-Letter Words

**PUZZLE  
CARDS**



## Activity Guide

Set of 10, double-sided, self-checking puzzles.

Use these puzzle cards with real photo images to reinforce:

- spelling
- beginning reading
- letter sounds
- letter recognition

The 3-Letter Words Cards are designed for young children as a way to introduce spelling. Combining a picture with its 3-letter word description helps early spellers identify letters and develop reading skills. Be sure to introduce children to the layout of the cards so they can successfully complete the activities. Make sure you show each picture, say the word, and spell it out loud. Have children repeat the words and letters back to you. Before you begin, carefully separate each card into three pieces.

### Match & Spell

The bottom of each card is blue on one side and red on the other side. Turn the cards over so all of the same color is facing up. Mix up the pieces and have children complete the puzzles by fitting together the three pieces that interlock to form the picture and word. Now turn the cards over and try the words and pictures on the opposite side!

### Rhyming Words

Turn the cards over so the same color is facing up. Have children complete one puzzle. Now help children make a list of words that rhyme with the completed card. For example, if the puzzle says RUG, your list of rhyming words might include BUG, JUG, MUG, HUG, and SLUG.

### Spelling Surprise

Complete one puzzle. Take a sheet of paper and cover the word at the bottom of the card so that only the picture is visible. Then ask children to name the object. Have them say the word out loud and help them identify each letter of the word by its sound. Now have them spell the word. Repeat this activity with as many cards as you like!

### Silly Stories

Turn the cards over so the same color is facing up. Have children complete three puzzles. Now have children make up a story that uses each of their three completed words. For example, a story with the words CAT, PIE and BED might sound like this: "There was a CAT named Felix who was eating a slice of PIE in BED." Now try making up a silly story by using different words.

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