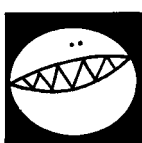


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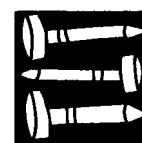
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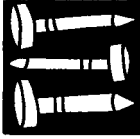







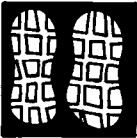




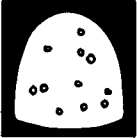
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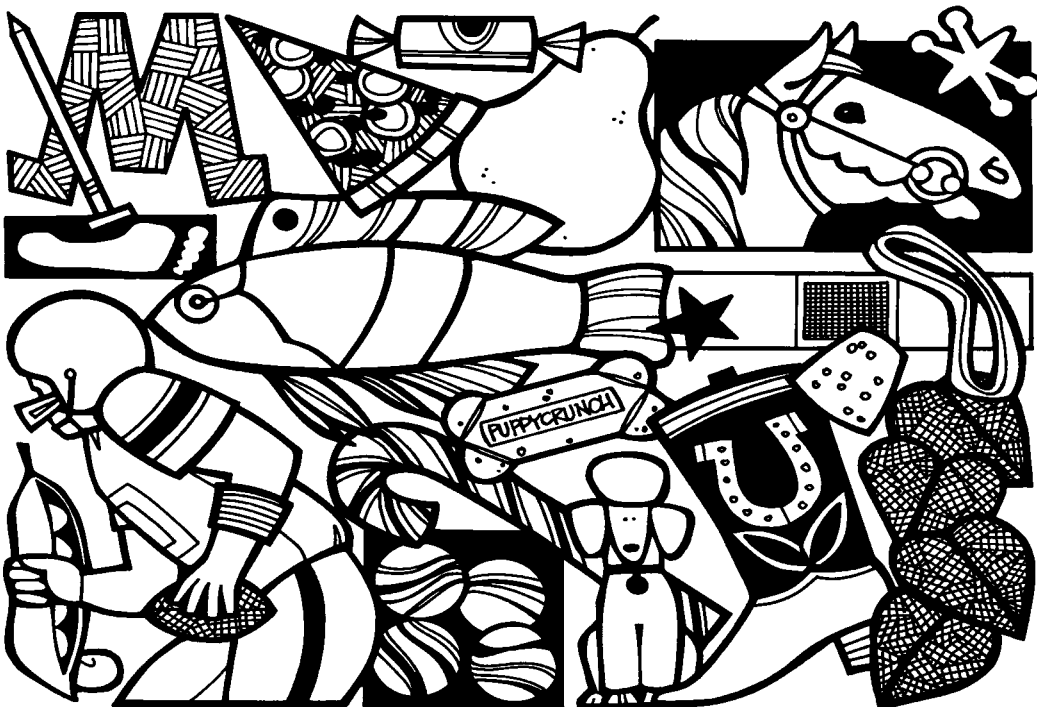
The activities in this book are the perfect solution for kids who finish class assignments early and ask, "I'm through! What can I do?" They are ideal for extra credit and homework assignments as well as learning center activities. They can also be used to fill those extra minutes of transition time during the school day.

The book is packed with puzzles, brainteasers, pictures to draw, and mazes. It includes the following sections:

- Fun with Words
- Number and Shape Puzzles
- Picture Puzzles
- Critical Thinking
- Creative Thinking
- Just for Fun

The activities are creative, challenging, and fun! Best of all, they can be done independently by students. This makes them perfect for those times when you're busy with a reading group or working with other students. The activities and puzzles can also be used as rewards and incentives.

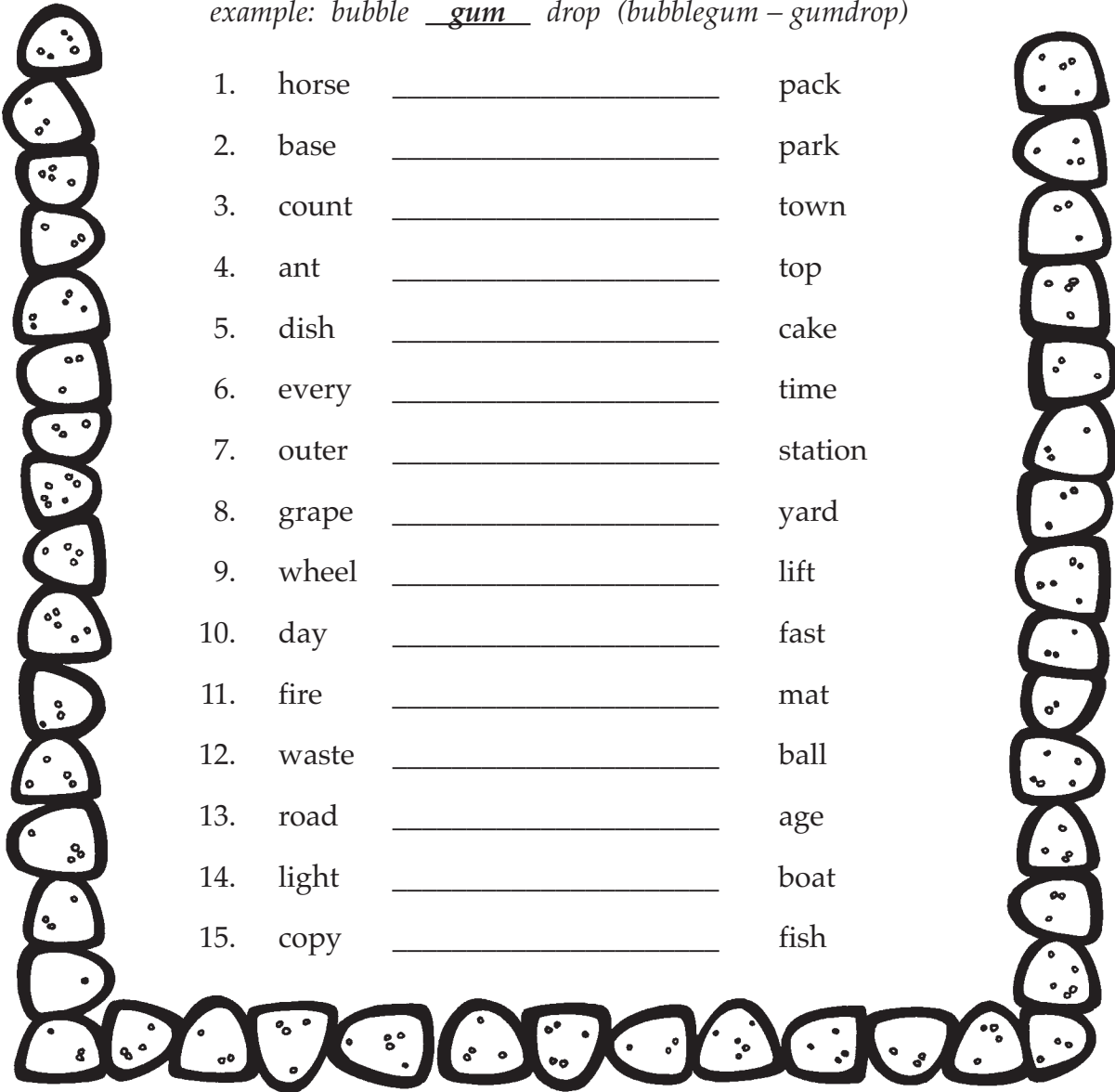
The activities correlate to the curriculum and cover reading, vocabulary, writing, math, and more. These ready-to-use puzzles are just what you as a busy teacher need to keep your students challenged and your classroom humming.



Compound Capers

A *compound* word is made by combining two or more words such as **fire** and **place** to make **fireplace**. On each line, write a word that can be used to *end* the word on the left and *start* the word on the right to form two compound words.

example: bubble gum drop (bubblegum – gumdrop)



1.	horse	_____	pack
2.	base	_____	park
3.	count	_____	town
4.	ant	_____	top
5.	dish	_____	cake
6.	every	_____	time
7.	outer	_____	station
8.	grape	_____	yard
9.	wheel	_____	lift
10.	day	_____	fast
11.	fire	_____	mat
12.	waste	_____	ball
13.	road	_____	age
14.	light	_____	boat
15.	copy	_____	fish

Just for Fun

Make up five “Compound Capers” of your own for a friend to solve.

More Compound Capers

A *compound* word is made by combining two or more words such as **fire** and **place** to make **fireplace**. On each line, write a word that can be used to *end* the word on the left and *start* the word on the right to form two compound words.

	1. pine		sauce	
	2. out		walk	
	3. rain		tie	
	4. in		line	
	5. text		mark	
	6. moon		house	
	7. with		side	
	8. main		line	
	9. butter		cake	
	10. super		place	
	11. pitch		lift	
	12. grape		cake	
	13. watch		age	
	14. class		mate	
	15. roller		board	

Just for Fun

Make up five "Compound Capers" of your own for a friend to solve.

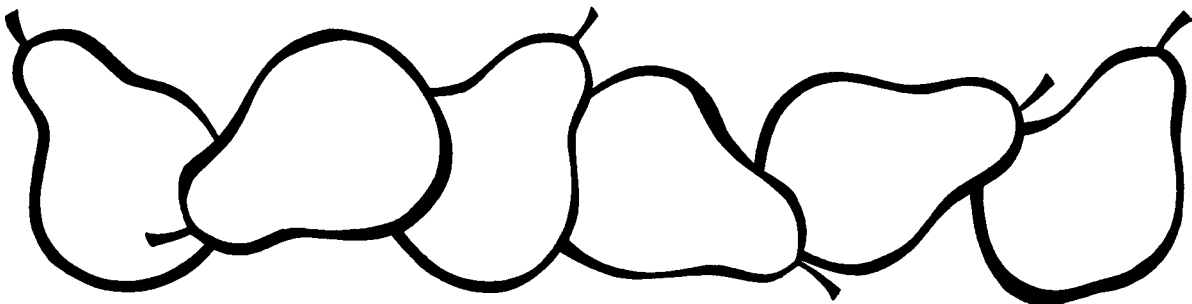
Anagram Antics

An *anagram* is a word formed by rearranging the letters of one word to create another word without adding or subtracting any letters.

example: scare – races, cares, acres

Write an anagram for each word below.

1. lead _____
2. ache _____
3. throw _____
4. wrong _____
5. read _____
6. horse _____
7. cape _____
8. notes _____
9. drapes _____
10. pears _____
11. thing _____
12. stale _____
13. trace _____
14. desert _____
15. master _____

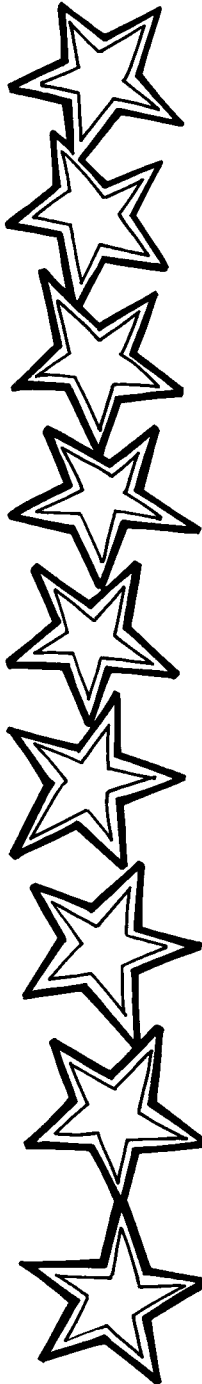


More Anagram Antics

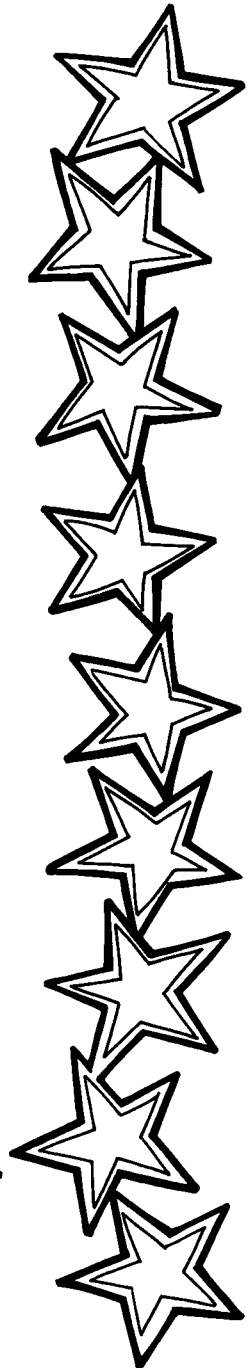
An *anagram* is a word formed by rearranging the letters of one word to create another word without adding or subtracting any letters.

example: spare – reaps, pears, spear

Write an anagram for each word below.



1. used _____
2. star _____
3. acres _____
4. meat _____
5. bear _____
6. danger _____
7. snare _____
8. clean _____
9. secure _____
10. least _____
11. skate _____
12. parts _____
13. grate _____
14. share _____
15. notices _____



Just for Fun

Create a list of five or more "Anagram Antics" for a friend to solve.

Palindrome Challenge

A *palindrome* is a word or group of words that reads the same both forward and backward.

examples: bib, radar, noon

Take the challenge, and see if you can list 10 or more palindromes on the lines below. Use the back of this paper if you need more room.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

How many groups of words or sentences can you write that are palindromes? Use the back of this paper if you need more room.

examples: we sew

A dog – a panic in a pagoda!

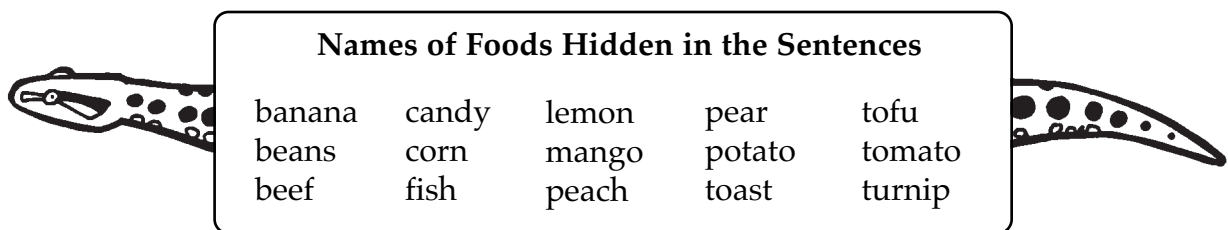
A man, a plan, a canal – Panama!



Find the Food

The name of a food is hidden in each sentence below. The letters are all in the correct order, but are found in two or more words. Underline the name of each food you find. Use the list of words in the box at the bottom of the page if you need help finding a food. The first one has been done for you.

1. Either Mac or Ned will be on your team. (corn)
2. Will you sip each flavor and tell me which one you like best?
3. Please give this note to Mat on your way home today.
4. When I return, I plan to take you to see the new movie.
5. If I shout too much during the football game, let me know.
6. Mom likes to go to a store when there is a sale so she can save money.
7. Silver hoop earrings will look great with her outfit.
8. Come to the depot at once; the train is arriving in five minutes.
9. A bumblebee flew into the car while Mom was driving.
10. Dad says we have to fumigate our house because we have termites.
11. The hardest questions could only be answered by a few students.
12. That man goes to work at exactly the same time every morning.
13. Rob, an anaconda, is my favorite animal in the zoo.
14. There is a problem on the freeway, and traffic is backed up for miles.
15. Loren asked, "Can Dylan go with me to the soccer game on Friday?"



Names of Foods Hidden in the Sentences

banana	candy	lemon	pear	tofu
beans	corn	mango	potato	tomato
beef	fish	peach	toast	turnip

Just for Fun

Write three sentences and hide the name of a food in each one.
See if a friend can find your hidden foods.

Hidden Animals

The name of an animal is hidden in each sentence below. The letters are all in the correct order, but are found in two or more words. Underline the name of each animal you find. Use the list of words in the box at the bottom of the page if you need help finding an animal. The first one has been done for you.

1. Either Seth or Selma will pick you up for practice this afternoon. (horse)
2. If you slam books on a table while in the library, you'll disturb everyone.
3. Hey, Leo, pardon the mess while the workers remodel your office.
4. We plan to go at 4:00 because we want to avoid the traffic.
5. The lab at the hospital just got money for six new microscopes.
6. Each awkward step the toddler took on its wobbly legs seemed like such an effort.
7. To be artistic, a person needs to have an eye for color and style.
8. The circus clown used a hoop and a horn in his act under the big top.
9. Did you notice that Jack always wears his favorite shirt on Monday?
10. They came late to the game because they got tied up in traffic.
11. Be a very good friend and let me borrow the notes you took in science class.
12. There are many bad germs that can cause flu-like symptoms.
13. Divers often find many lost riches when they explore sunken ships.
14. I can only wait a second or two for your answer before I have to call on someone else.
15. The teacher told us to add the four numbers to get the sum.



Name of Animals Hidden in the Sentences				
badger	beaver	goat	jackal	ostrich
bat	camel	hawk	lamb	panda
bear	condor	horse	leopard	toad

