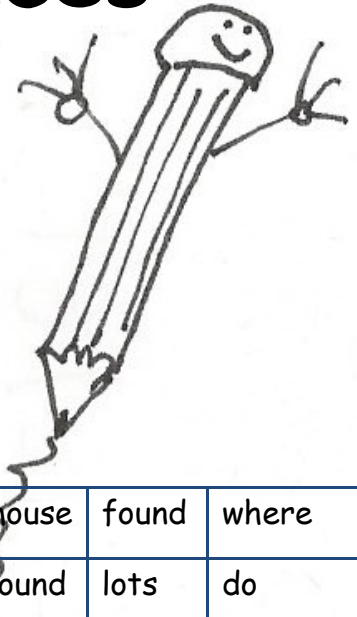




A-mazing Sentences

A play-to-write game



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Children love mazes and playing games. While engaged with A-mazing Sentences, children eagerly form sentence after sentence as they put writing and reading skills into action.

Skills: sentence beginnings, constructing, identification and formation of complete sentences. complete sentences, identifying run-ons, creating variety of sentence lengths.

Age Range: grades 2-8

CCSS Reading Foundational Skills: RF.1, RF.3, RF.4

Materials: Amazing Sentences Play Sheets for each child. Sentence Recording page (or lined paper) and pencils

Get Ready

1. Make copies of the printable A-mazing Sentence Play Sheet and Sentence Recording Page for each child. (Even if children are playing this game in a group of 2 or 3, it is best if they can examine their own copy closely.)
2. Set up copies of example play sheet and student copies to project on smart board to go over examples.

Note: You may want to review complete sentences before playing this game or use this game as reinforcement to sentence building skills.

Get Set

Project practice text on the smart board or overhead and show how the lines were drawn to find the following sentences:

The blue fish jumped.

The big spiders went to a party.

Six brown cows are happy.

Look for other sentences in the example. Create some non-examples and discuss why the words such as, Bug bit dog fly, would not be a sentence.

Once children are comfortable finding sentences, it is their turn to play!

Play!

1. Students find sentences on A-mazing Sentence Game Boards.
2. Sentences are collected with adjacent words. Words can be collected moving in any direction but backwards to the same square already visited.
3. Complete sentences are recorded on a piece of paper. Children add capital letters and punctuation on their Sentence Recording Page.
4. Words squares may be used again in additional sentences.
5. Winners are those with the most correct sentences.

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Teacher Tips:

✚ Add scoring to encourage students to find variety in sentences. For instance, extra points can be given for each sentence that begins a different way.

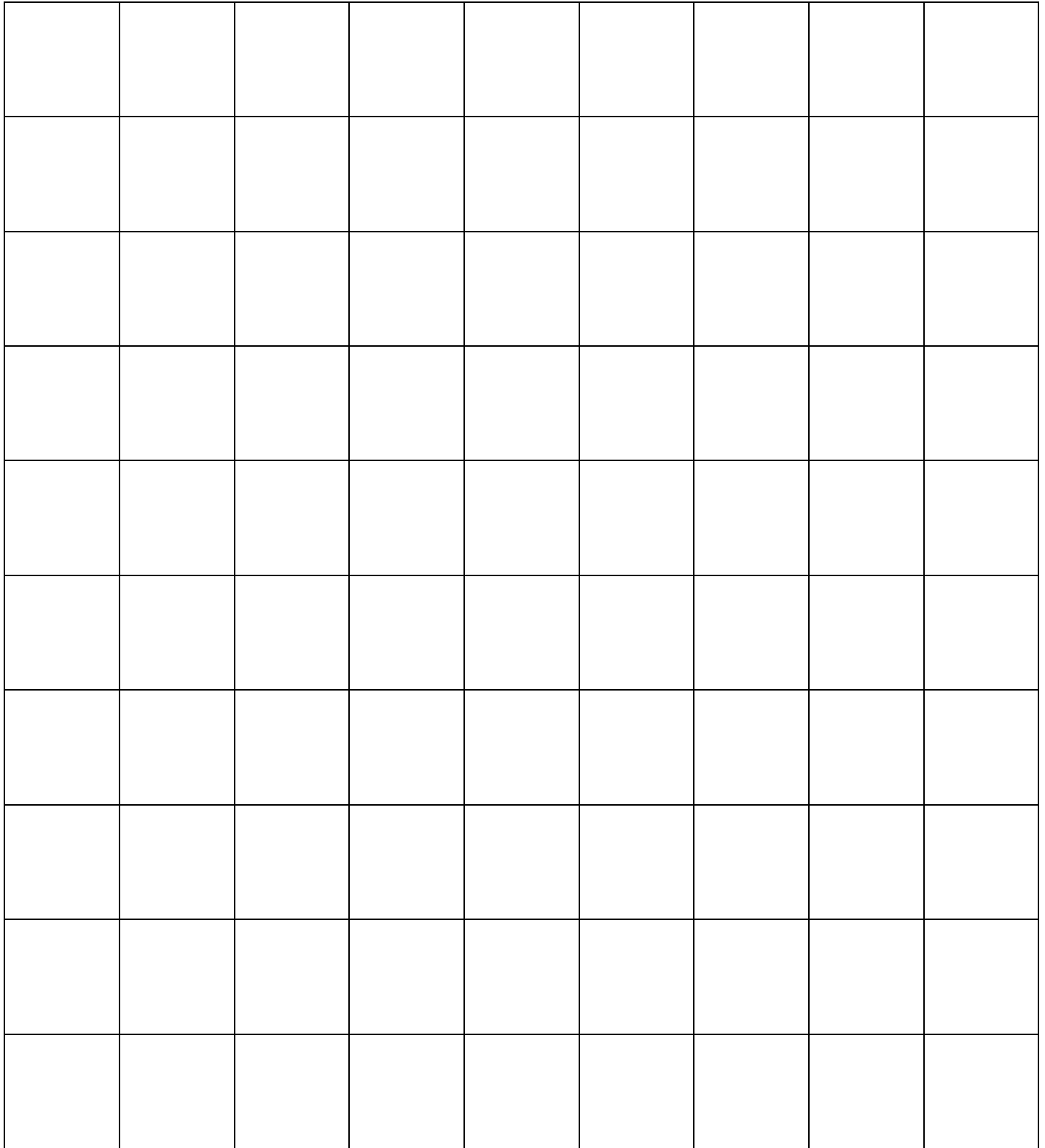
✚ Have students use different colored pencils for sentences that overlap.

Extended Learning: Students learn even more about sentences by making their own game board. By creating their own, students will soon discover what patterns of words are needed to create a successful game. You may also want to create your own version with vocabulary word or sentence beginnings you want to emphasize.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

A-mazing Sentences Play Board

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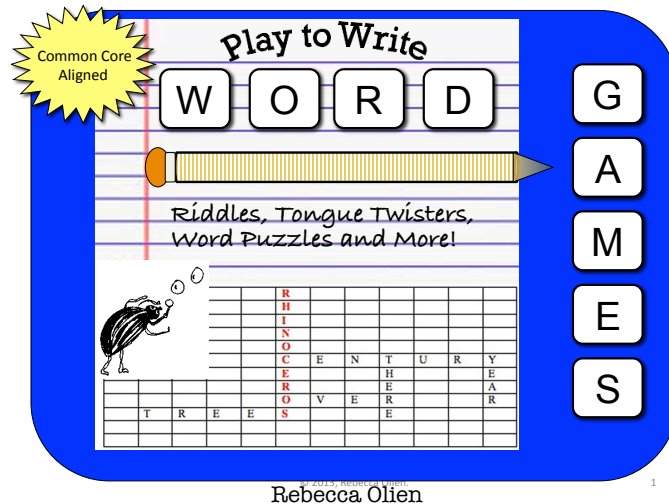
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