NONSENSE WORD GAMES

ROLL AND READ + REAL OR ALIEN RACE



14 GAME BOARDS

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How to Play: Roll and Read

Two players, one board, one die. About ten minutes. The student pages carry no directions, so teach this once.

Materials

- One die for each pair (or six small number cards 1 to 6 in a cup).
- A different color of crayon or marker for each player.
- One Roll and Read board (pages 9-15) and a My Alien Word Record (page 28).

Six steps

- **Give each pair one board and one die.** Each player picks a color to color with.
- **Roll the die.** The die face matches the dots over a column. If it shows 3, use the column with 3 dots.
- **Read the top word with no color on it** in that column, out loud. It is an alien word, so sound it out. Color the word.
- **Partner's turn.** Pass the die and take turns. The partner points to the word as it is read.
- **If the column is full,** roll again.
- **Stop** when the timer rings or the board is full of color. Count your colored words. Fill in My Alien Word Record.

One player

Roll, read, color. Try to color one whole column, then play again on the same board to color the rest.

Partner check

If a word was not read the way it is spelled, say each sound together, then read it again. The word stays colored.

Listen for

- Does the student say the vowel sound first, or guess from the first letter?
- Does the student read the whole word, or turn it into a real word that looks the same? Note which.

Notes from this session

PREVIEW

Easier, the Same, or a Step Up

Three ways to play the same boards, for students who need more support and students who are ready for more.

Starting

● More support

- Play one vowel board only, with you or an adult as the partner.
- Say the first alien word of each turn together before the student reads alone.
- Use only the first three rows of Roll and Read, or the first nine spaces of the race track.
- Start with Picture Check: the picture shows which word is real.

Building

■ The game as written

- One vowel board, two players, ten minutes.
- Move to the next vowel when the student reads the board with few words to practice.

Ready for more

▲ A step up

- Play the mixed boards: all five vowels, so the student checks the vowel in every word.
- Play the blends board: digraphs (sh, ch, th) and blends in alien words.
- Read two alien words in a row before coloring or moving.

What to say while they read (prompts for the adult)

- "Point to the vowel. What sound does it make?"
- "Say each sound. Now blend them."
- "Read it again, a little faster."
- "Is it a real word or an alien word? How do you know?"
- "Find a word on the board with the same ending."
- "Nice reading. Which word was hard?"

Which boards did you use?

Boards (a e i o u mixed blends) _____ Game _____ Date _____

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My name: _____

Roll. Read the alien word. Color it.

Alien Words: Short a







naf	mak	maf	bak	jaf	wav
pak	zaf	nav	paf	rak	saf
gaf	zam	baf	mav	haf	zab
wam	raf	gav	vak	vam	daf
vad	pag	gak	vab	vaf	bav

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Words I read:

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My name: _____

Roll. Read the alien word. Color it.

Alien Words: Short e







lef	rek	bef	jek	mef	hev
pem	pef	pek	kem	bev	nek
geg	wek	gev	gef	jep	bem
lem	feg	sef	kev	mek	fep
nev	bek	heg	bep	tem	hef

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Words I read:

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My name: _____

Roll. Read the alien word. Color it.

Alien Words: Short o







dof	hov	hok	fof	dov	mok
dok	bof	fov	bok	pof	jov
hof	jok	mof	gov	lok	nof
nov	jof	lov	pok	bov	gok
lom	jop	nok	gof	fos	mov

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Words I read:

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My name: _____

Roll. Read the alien word. Color it.

Alien Words: Mixed vowels







duf	bif	baf	buv	bov	buf
bok	gaf	fiv	bof	dif	bak
guf	biv	bef	fuv	bek	fif
feg	bup	dok	bep	daf	dov
gik	gak	bem	dof	bev	bav

Words I read:

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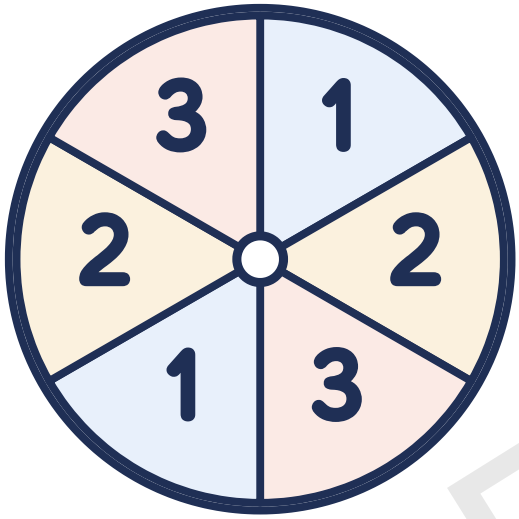
My name: _____

Spin. Read it. Real word or alien word?

Real or Alien: Short e



Player 1



Player 2

START	1  net	2 bev	3 vet	4 bem
9 jet	8 red	7 bef	6 pen	5 nev
10 fep	11 bek	12 wet	13  bed	14 kem
FINISH	18 gef	17 leg	16  hen	15 gev

Who won? Player 1 Player 2

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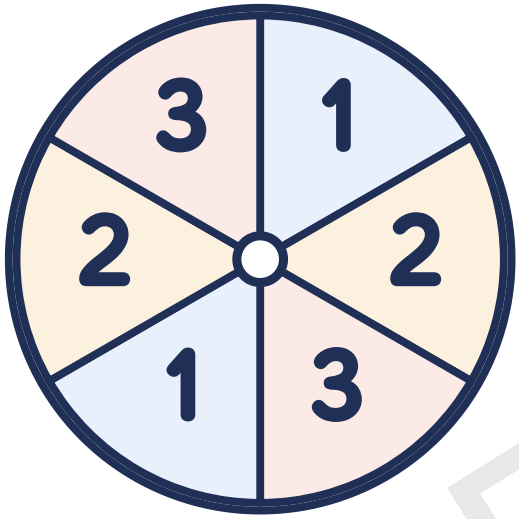
My name: _____

Spin. Read it. Real word or alien word?

Real or Alien: Short o



Player 1



Player 2

START	1 bof ▶	2 hop ▶	3 hot ▶	4 jov ▼
9 pot ▼	8 ◀ fox	7 ◀ hof	6 ◀ nok	5 ◀ mop
10 bov ▶	11 fos ▶	12 box ▶	13 gov ▶	14 dog ▼
FINISH	18 ◀ top	17 ◀ cot	16 ◀ pof	15 ◀ jok

Who won? Player 1 Player 2

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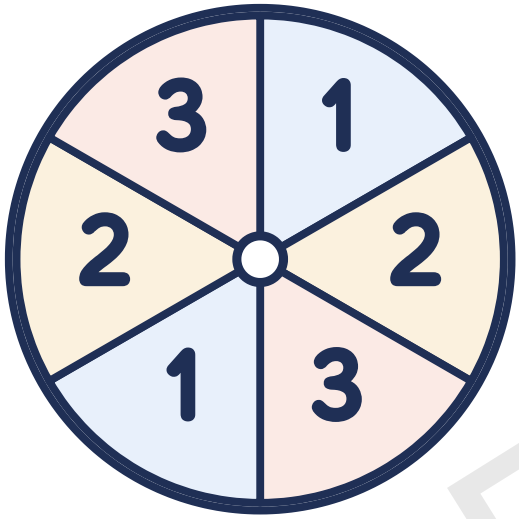
My name: _____

Spin. Read it. Real word or alien word?

Real or Alien: Mixed vowels



Player 1



Player 2

START	1 guv	2  bed	3 bit	4 haf
9  cat	8 hot	7 lip	6 fan	5 fep
10 jet	11 giv	12 gef	13  sun	14 fof
FINISH	18 gav	17 fos	16 hif	15 rug

Who won? Player 1 Player 2

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My name: _____

✂ Cut the cards. Real word or alien word?

Real or Alien Cards: Set A



sef	rak	hop
puv	riv	nut
nov	wet	tap
mak	dig	fin

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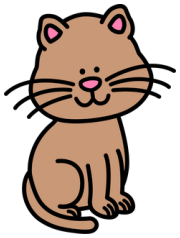
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My name: _____

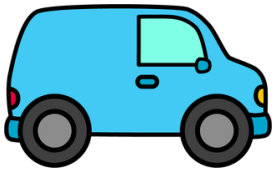
Circle the real word. Not the alien word.

Picture Check 1

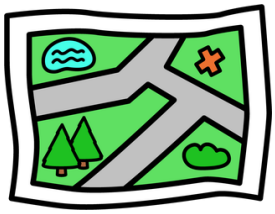




cat caf



vam van



map maf



bef bed



hen hev



bof box

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My name: _____

Circle the game and the board. Color a star.

My Alien Word Record

Day	Game	Board	Words I read right	Star
	Roll Race	a e i o u mix bl		☆
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	Roll Race	a e i o u mix bl		☆
	Roll Race	a e i o u mix bl		☆
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A Filled-In Record: Example

Maya is an invented student. These numbers are made up to show how the record works; they are not a goal or a norm.

Day	Game	Board	Words read	Missed	Read right	Words to practice
Mon	Roll and Read	short a	10	1	9	vab
Tue	Real or Alien Race	short a	12	2	10	gak, wam
Wed	Roll and Read	short e	11	1	10	rek
Thu	Real or Alien Race	short e	14	2	12	mef, hev
Fri	Roll and Read	short i	9	0	9	–
		Week total	56	6	50	–

How the numbers work

- Read right = words read minus missed. Monday: 10 − 1 = 9.
- Week: 5 games, 56 words read, 6 missed, 50 read right.
- Check: 56 − 6 = 50.

What to do with it

- Alien words to practice this week: vab, gak, wam, rek, mef, hev. They came up in the games; read them again together.
- Play the next vowel when a board has few words to practice.
- Fill in the Class Game Log (page 30) to keep the pattern.

Words to practice, big

vab gak wam rek mef hev

Your turn

- Count the words read on the board, subtract the words missed, and write the result in Read right.

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A Note Home About Word Games

Fill in the blanks, print, and send it home. Use your own words anywhere you like.

This week

Student _____ Date _____

This week your child played word games at school and read made-up **alien words** out loud, then said which words are real.

Game we played _____ Words read right _____ Words to practice _____

Something that went well

_____

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Play at home (5 minutes, a few times a week)

- Write 3 real words and 3 made-up words on paper. Mix them up and read each one.
- Ask: real word or alien word? Let your child sound it out before you help.
- Say "nice reading" and stop while it is still fun.

From the teacher

_____

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From home

_____

_____

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