REBUS PUZZLES

PICTURE WORD BRAIN TEASERS



48 PUZZLES

GRADES 2-5

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Rebus Puzzles

48 puzzles 4 levels 6 to a page answer key

What a rebus is

A rebus is a word puzzle with no sentences. The picture, the word, and the way the word is placed, sized or spelled all give clues. Students say the clues out loud and hear the answer.

Solving one means looking closely, saying words out loud and explaining the thinking: "I saw HEAD on top of HEELS." That is why the answer key also shows how each puzzle is read.

Three steps

1. **Learn:** hand out the how-to page (page 4) and the tricks page (page 5). Say the two examples together.
2. **Solve:** print a puzzle page. Each box has an answer line under it. Students write the answer, or type it in.
3. **Check:** use the answer key (pages 17 and 18), which also shows how each puzzle is read. Color the tracker (page 15).

What's inside (20 pages)

- **48 rebus puzzles in 4 levels, 12 each, 6 to a page.** Level 1 (circle), picture words, pages 6 to 7: pictures and words that join into one word. Level 2 (square), sounds like, pages 8 to 9: numbers and letters that sound like part of a word. Level 3 (triangle), where is the word, pages 10 to 11: over, under, in, high, low, tall, wide, tiny. Level 4 (diamond), brain stretchers, pages 12 to 13: common phrases and idioms.
- How to solve with 2 worked examples (page 4) and a tricks page (page 5).
- Make your own rebus, with two boxes and a space for a friend's guess (page 14), and a tracker for all 48 puzzles (page 15).
- Answer key: every puzzle with its answer and how it is read (pages 17 and 18), a note home (page 16), ways to use it (page 3) and a What's Next page.

Which page when

- **Starting:** Level 1, pictures and words. Students say each picture, then the word.
- **Building:** Levels 2 and 3. Sounds and positions are the two big ideas in the tricks page.
- **Ready for more:** Level 4, phrases. Students say the whole phrase, not just one word.

The levels are a starting point. Move a student up or down whenever you like.

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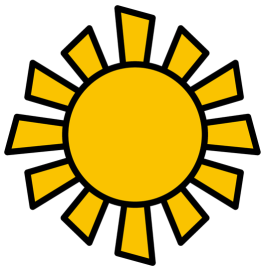
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My name _____

Learn how to solve a rebus.

A rebus is a puzzle. The pictures and words show you what to say. Say it out loud. Then write it.

Example 1

 + SET

Look: a picture of the sun, a plus sign, and the word SET.
Say it: sun + set.

Answer: sunset

Example 2

SECRET

Look: the word SECRET is at the very top of the box.
Say it: top + secret.

Answer: top secret

Your turn! Turn to page 6.

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My name _____

Tricks that help you solve.

Over and under

HAT
BOX

HAT is over BOX. A word on top says over. A word below says under.

Inside and outside



CAT is in the box. A word inside a box says in. Outside says out.

Big and small

TINY

A tiny word can mean small or little. A huge word can mean big.

Flipped and turned



Upside down or flipped like a mirror? Say how the word looks.

Stretched and spread

T R A I N

Spread-out letters can mean long. Squashed letters can mean short.

Sounds like

4 U

4 sounds like for. 2 sounds like to. 8 sounds like ate. U is you. B is be.

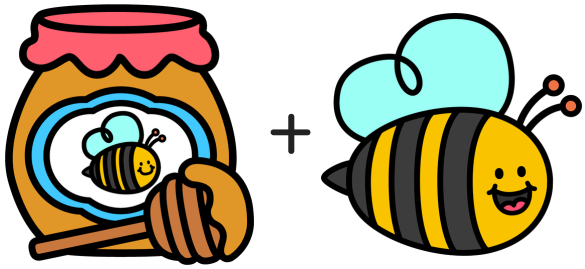
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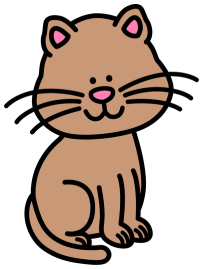
Put the pictures together. Write the word.

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7. _____

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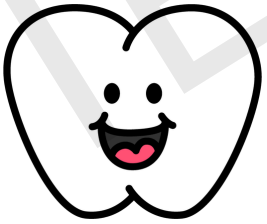
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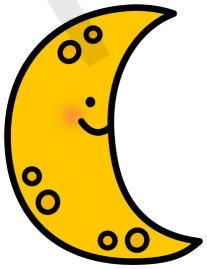
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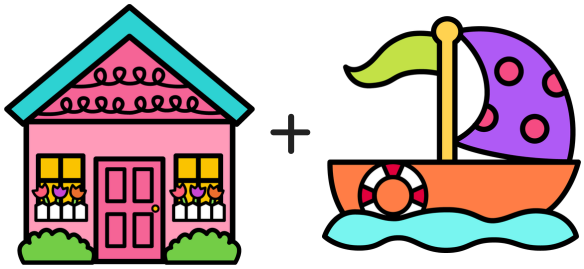
10. _____

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11. _____

12



12. _____

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Say it out loud. Write the word.

19

GR8

19. _____

20

SK8 BOARD

20. _____

21

10 NIS

21. _____

22

IN 2

22. _____

23

2 GETHER

23. _____

24

L8 R

24. _____

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My name _____

Look, think and say it. Write the phrase.

37

HEAD

HEELS

38

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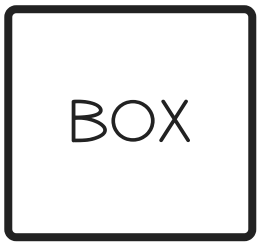
READING

_____

37. _____

38. _____

39



THINK

40

IMAGE

39. _____

40. _____

41

ICE

_____

BERG

42

S P A C E

41. _____

42. _____

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My name _____

Make your own rebus. Can a friend solve it?

Try: over, under, tiny, tall, flipped, spread out, or a number that sounds like a word.

My answer _____ My friend says _____

My answer _____ My friend says _____

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Rebus Puzzles at Home

Dear family,

This week we are solving rebus puzzles in class. A rebus is a word puzzle made of words and pictures. The way a word is placed, how big it is, or whether it is flipped or spread out is part of the clue. Our puzzles are on the page that came home with this note.

How you can help

- Ask your child to read each box out loud, one clue at a time.
- Ask, "Where is the word? Is it big, small, up high or turned around?"
- Try not to give the answer. Say the clues together, quickly, and listen.
- Ask your child to make up a rebus for you to solve.

Our rebus words

over, under, inside, outside, big, small, tall, wide, flipped, spread out, sounds like.

Try these three together

1

FOOT + BALL

2

2 NIGHT

3

CAR + PET

Answers for the helper: 1 football, 2 tonight, 3 carpet.

A note from me

Student: _____ Date: _____ From: _____

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Answer Key

▲ Where is the word?

25 man overboard
MAN is over BOARD

26 I understand
I is under STAND

27 upside down
SIDE is upside down

28 low tide
TIDE sits low in the box

29 high chair
CHAIR sits high in the box

30 window box
WINDOW is in a box

31 sunrise (also: sun rising)
SUN steps up

32 waterfall (also: water falls)
WATER steps down and falls

33 crossroads (also: crossroad)
ROAD crosses ROAD

34 tall tale
TALE is tall

35 wide awake
AWAKE is wide

36 small talk (also: little talk)
TALK is tiny

◆ Brain stretchers

37 head over heels
HEAD is over HEELS

38 reading between the lines (also: reading between lines)
READING is between two lines

39 think outside the box (also: think out of the box)
THINK is outside the BOX

40 mirror image
IMAGE is flipped, like in a mirror

41 iceberg (also: tip of the iceberg)
ICE is small above the line, BERG is big below it

42 spaced out (also: out of space)
SPACE is spread out

43 short story
STORY is squashed short

44 leftover (also: left over)
OVER sits at the left

45 just between you and me (also: between you and me)
JUST is between YOU and ME

46 banana split
BANANA is split in two

47 mixed up (also: mixed-up)
MIXED has its letters jumbled

48 far away (also: far, far away)
AWAY gets smaller and smaller

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