

Word-o-matic

Focus Area: Phonics; word building

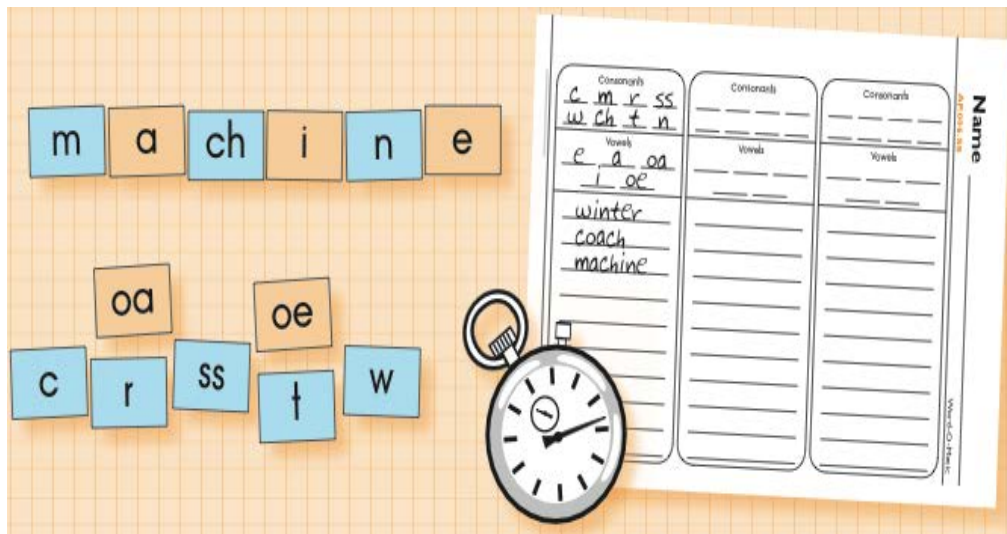
Timing: 10-15 minutes

Materials:

- Letter cards or tiles; consonants one color and vowels another color
- Recording sheet
- 2 paper lunch bags, one labeled vowels and one labeled consonants
- timer

Procedure:

- Place consonants, consonant digraphs, and other consonant combinations in the bag labeled consonants. Place vowels, diphthongs, and vowel digraphs in the bag labeled vowels. Provide students with a timer. Provide each student with a recording sheet.
- Students each choose eight tiles from the consonants bag and five vowels from the vowels bag. Record selected letters on the student sheet.
- Set the timer for three minutes.
- Use the cards to make as many words as possible. Record words as they are made on the recording sheet. Read words aloud after timer rings.
- Place cards back in the bag and select new cards from the bags and continue to make new words.



Adapted from: The Florida Center for Reading Research (2008).

