

Science of Reading Aligned

WORD LADDERS

CVCe LONG VOWELS



CVCe Long i

5 five

fire

Name _____ CVCe Long o

Change one letter to write the new word for the picture.

CVCe Long a

tape

take

cake

Teacher Directions

Read the following directions aloud then in completing their word ladder.

1. Say the picture name at the top of the word. Let's spell the word together.
2. Change one letter to match the picture. What letter did you change? What letter did you change the new word? Spell it. (TAKE).
3. Change one letter in take to match the picture. What letter did you change? What letter did you change the new word? Spell it. (CAKE).
4. Change one letter in cake to match the picture. What letter did you change? What letter did you change the new word? Spell it. (CANE).

CVCe Long o

cage

Change 1 letter

cave

Change 1 letter

rave

Change 1 letter

rake

Change 1 letter

lake

Change 1 letter

Climb down the ladder by changing one letter to make a new word.

CVCe Long

tape

Change 1 letter

Change 1 letter

Change 1 letter

Change 1 letter

Change 1 letter

Climb down the ladder by changing one letter to spell the picture name.

46 Phonics Activities

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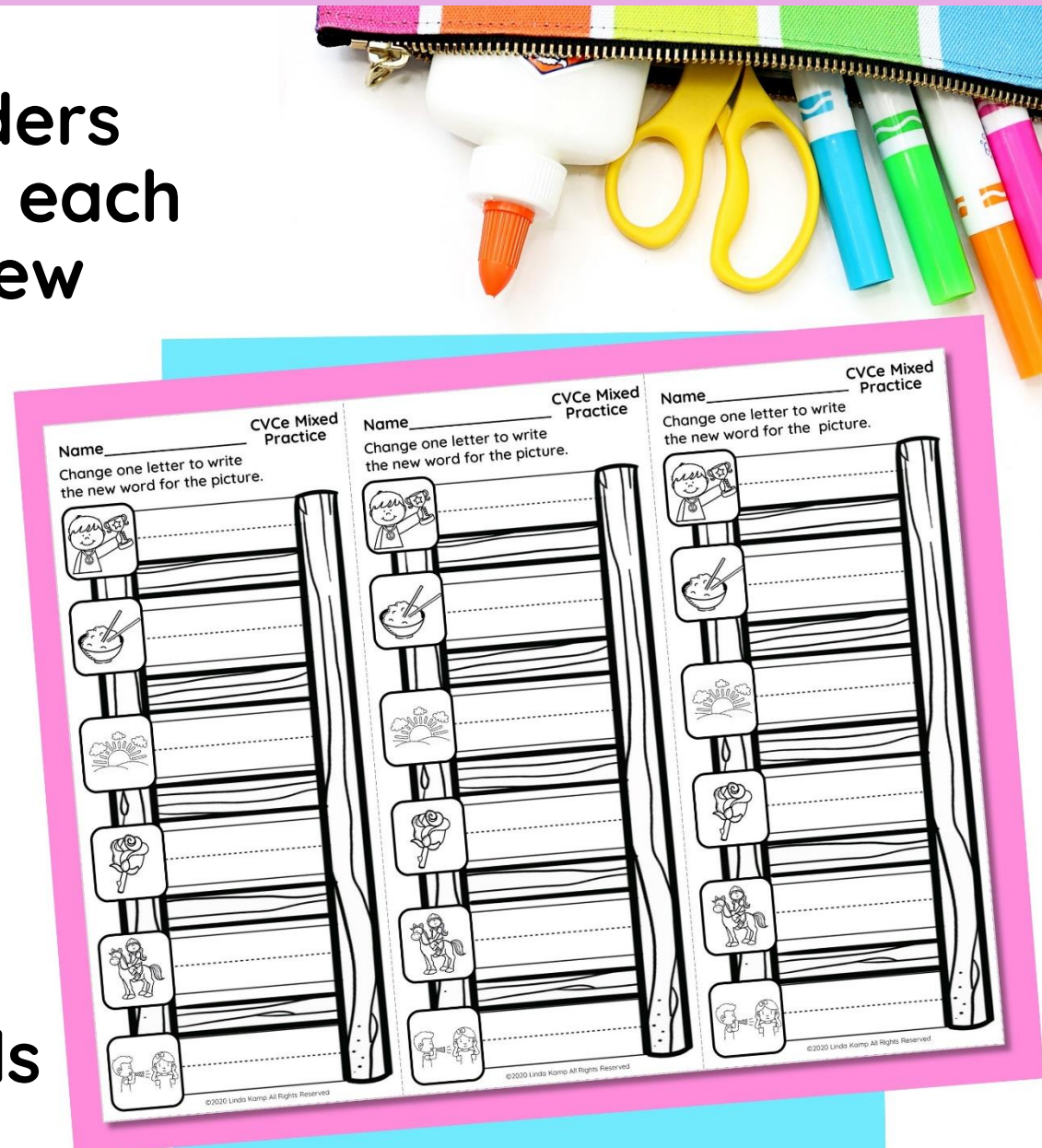


This resource includes:

14 Printable word ladders with picture prompts for each short vowel + mixed review

12 Projectable word ladders with guiding picture prompts

20 Projectable word ladders with starting prompt then students generate their own words



*Printing 3 per page saves you paper!



ALSO INCLUDES:

Guided teacher scripts & answer keys for each word ladder activity

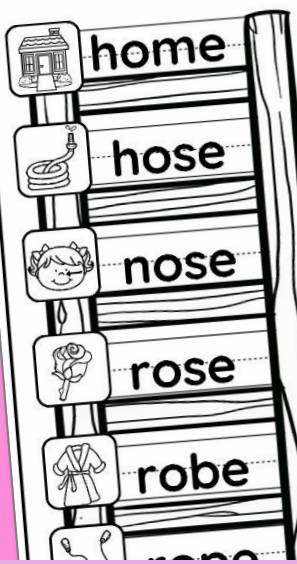
CVCe Mixed Practice



Teacher Directions

Read the following directions aloud to students to guide them in completing their word ladders.

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Teacher Directions

Read the following directions aloud to students to guide them in completing their word ladders.

1. Say the picture name at the top of the ladder. Write the word. Let's spell the word together (HOME).
2. Change one letter to match the picture in the next line. What letter did you change? (M to S) What is the new word? Spell it. (HOSE).
3. Change one letter in hose to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (H to N) What is the new word? Spell it. (NOSE)
4. Change one letter in nose to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (N to R) What is the new word? Spell it. (ROSE)
5. Change one letter in rose to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (S to B) What is the new word? Spell it. (ROBE)
6. Change one letter in robe to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (B to P) What is the new word? Spell it. (ROPE)

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Teacher Directions

Read the following directions aloud to students to guide them in completing their word ladders.

1. Say the picture name at the top of the ladder. Write the word. Let's spell the word together. (TAPE)
2. Change one letter to match the picture in the next line. What letter did you change? (P to K) What is the new word? Spell it (TAKE).
3. Change one letter in take to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (T to C) What is the new word? Spell it. (CAKE)
4. Change one letter in cake to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (K to N) What is the new word? Spell it. (CANE)
5. Change one letter in cane to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (N to V) What is the new word? Spell it (CAVE)
6. Change one letter in cave to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (V to E) What is the new word? Spell it (CAVE)

Why use Word Ladders?

BENEFITS:

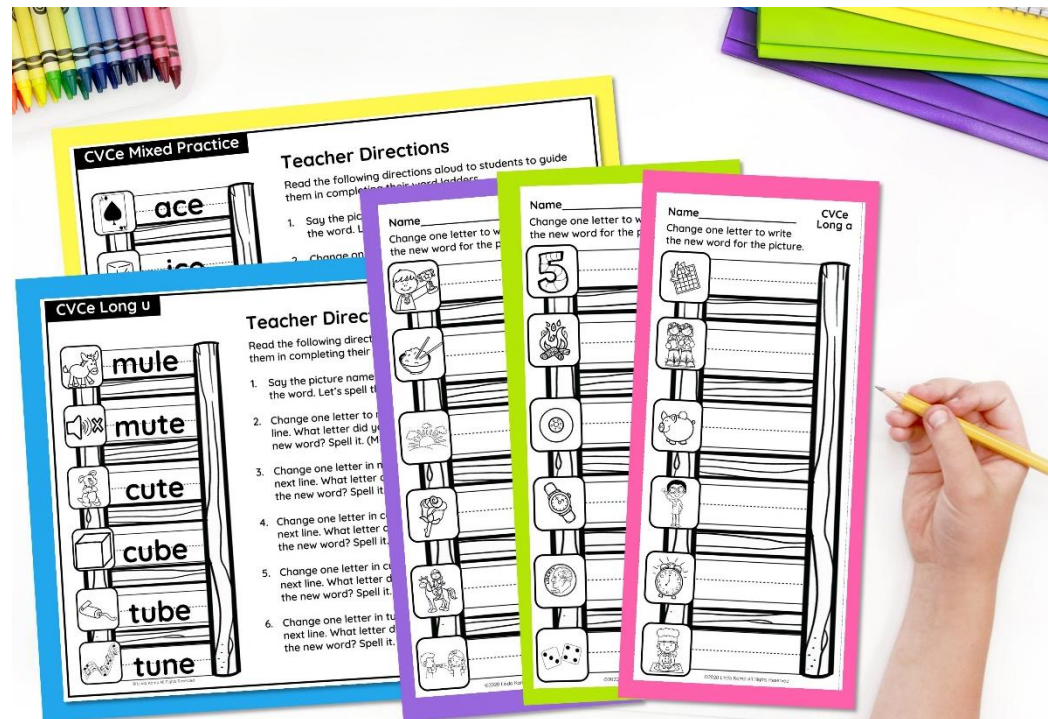
- ✓ A fun and easy way to practice phoneme substitution and build phonemic awareness
- ✓ Supports decoding and encoding skills for reading and spelling practice
- ✓ Words move in a progression that requires higher-level thinking



When to use Word Ladders

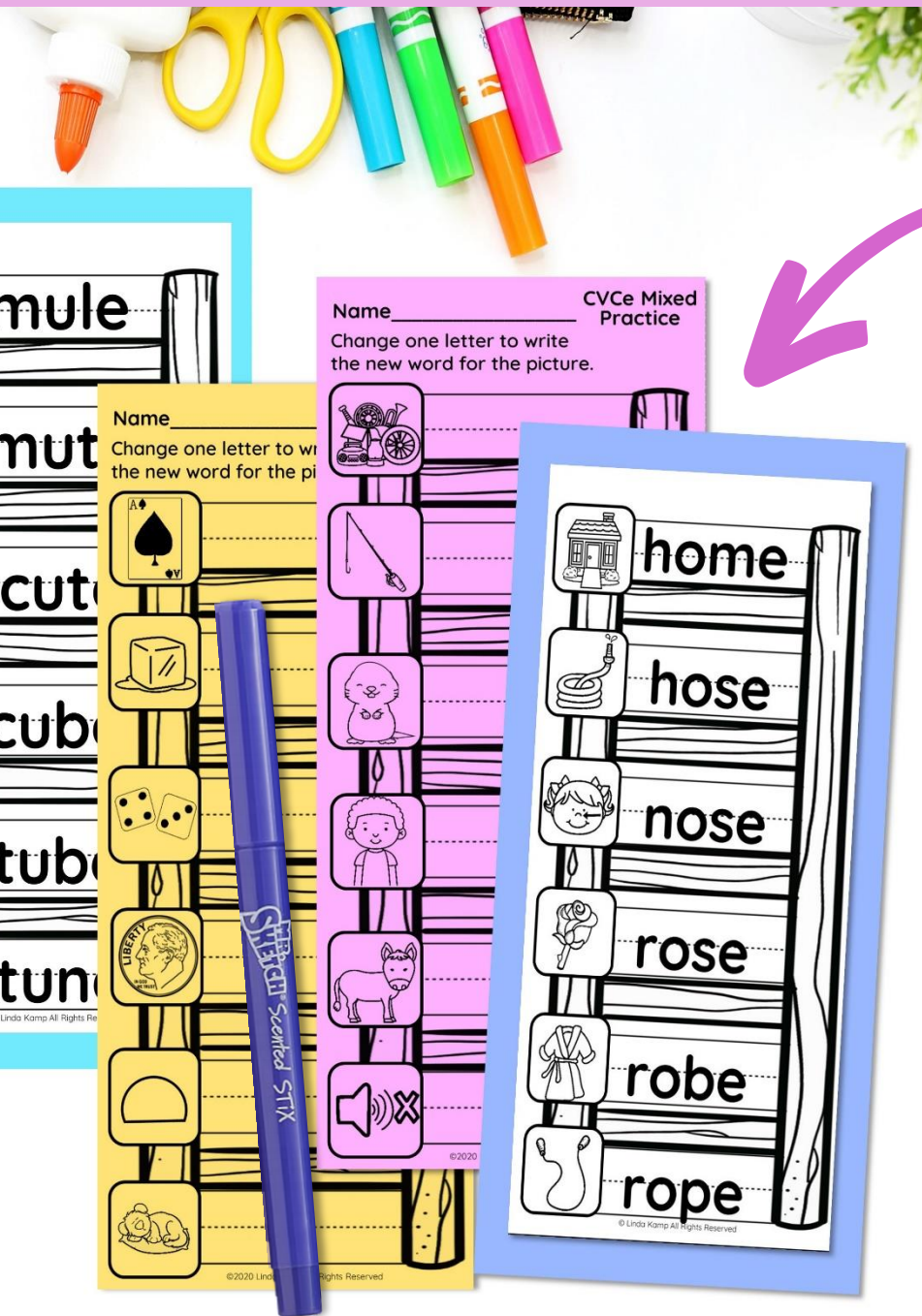


- ★ During phonics lessons as practice or review
- ★ Perfect for literacy centers
- ★ Ideal for small groups and interventions



- ★ Easily leave them for a sub
- ★ Fun for fast finishers

Easy prep phonics centers!



MAKE SELF-CHECKING PHONICS CENTERS!

- ➔ Print ladders on colored paper.
- ➔ Glue the answer key to the back and laminate
- ➔ Place the ladders on a ring and into your center!

PRO TIP: Use fine line Mr. Sketch markers to write. They're water-based & wipe off with a damp paper towel!

Includes differentiated practice

32 Projectable word ladders on PowerPoint + Google Slides in 2 levels



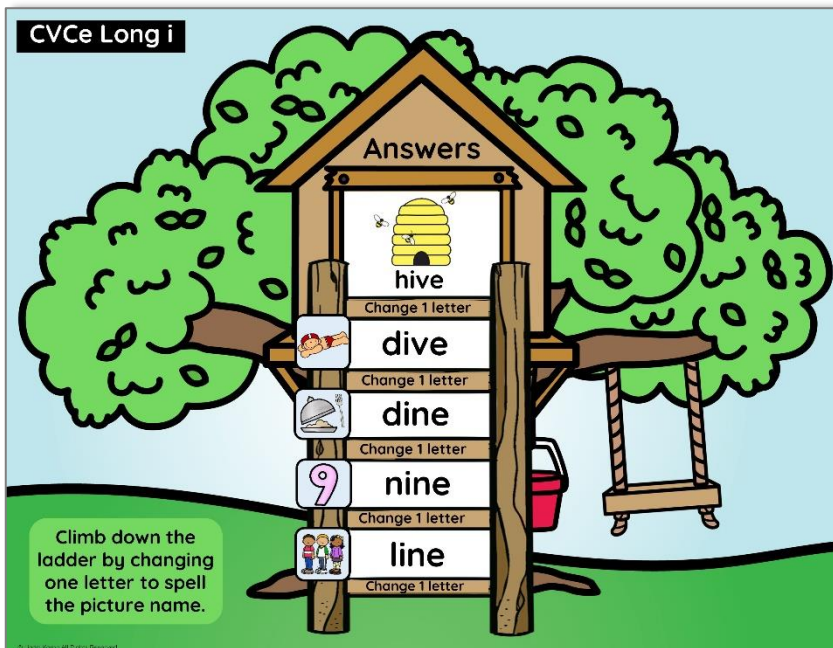
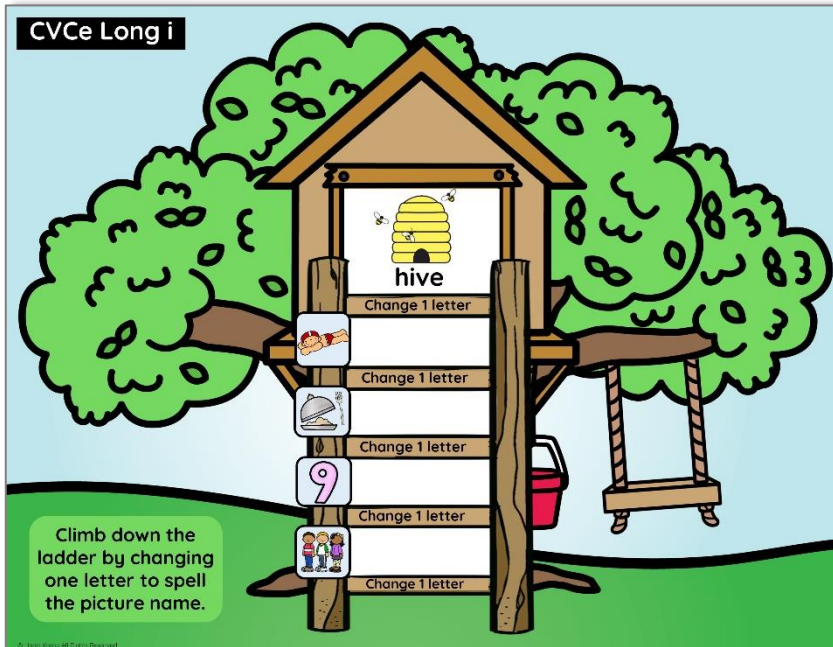
Easily differentiate with a 5-picture prompt version



Or use the 1-picture prompt version for students to generate their own words!

Students climb up or down the ladder to the treehouse!

How to use projectable Word Ladders



Project them on your whiteboard for students to write on!

★ Ideal for whole class practice during phonics lessons & partner play during centers!

★ Model phoneme substitution

★ Demonstrate for students how to use the printable word ladders

Self-checking answer slides give students instant feedback

