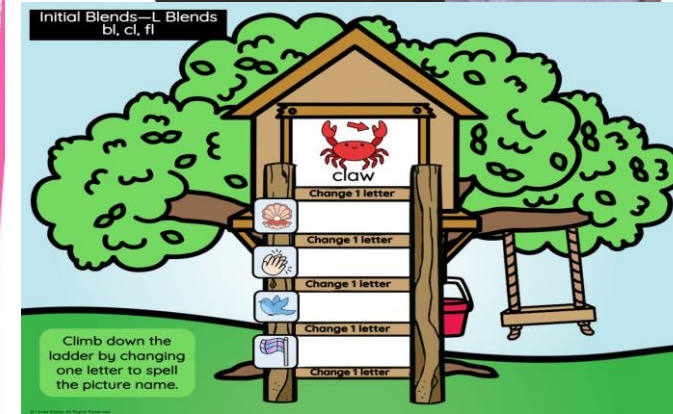
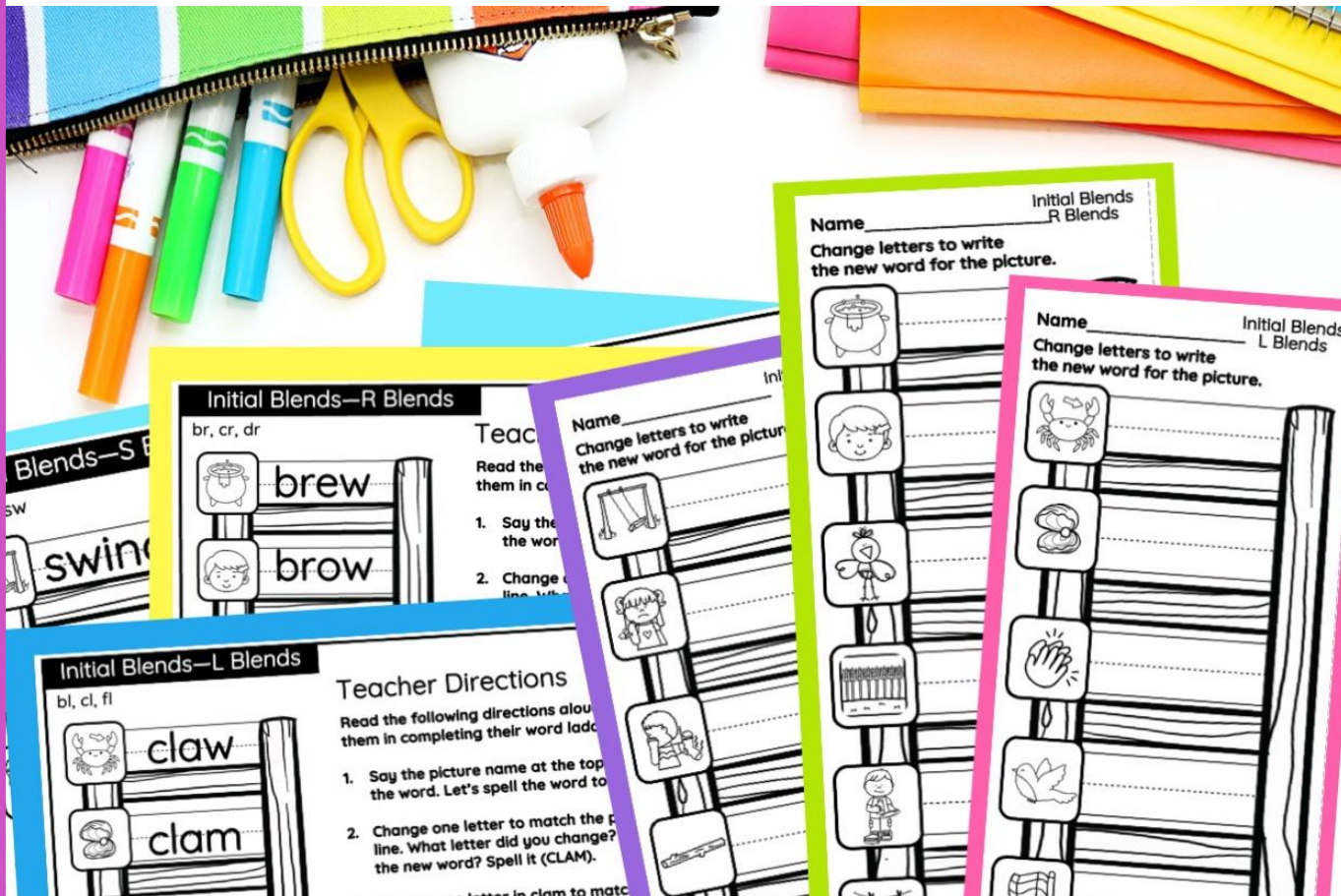


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WORD LADDERS INITIAL BLENDS



40 Phonics Activities

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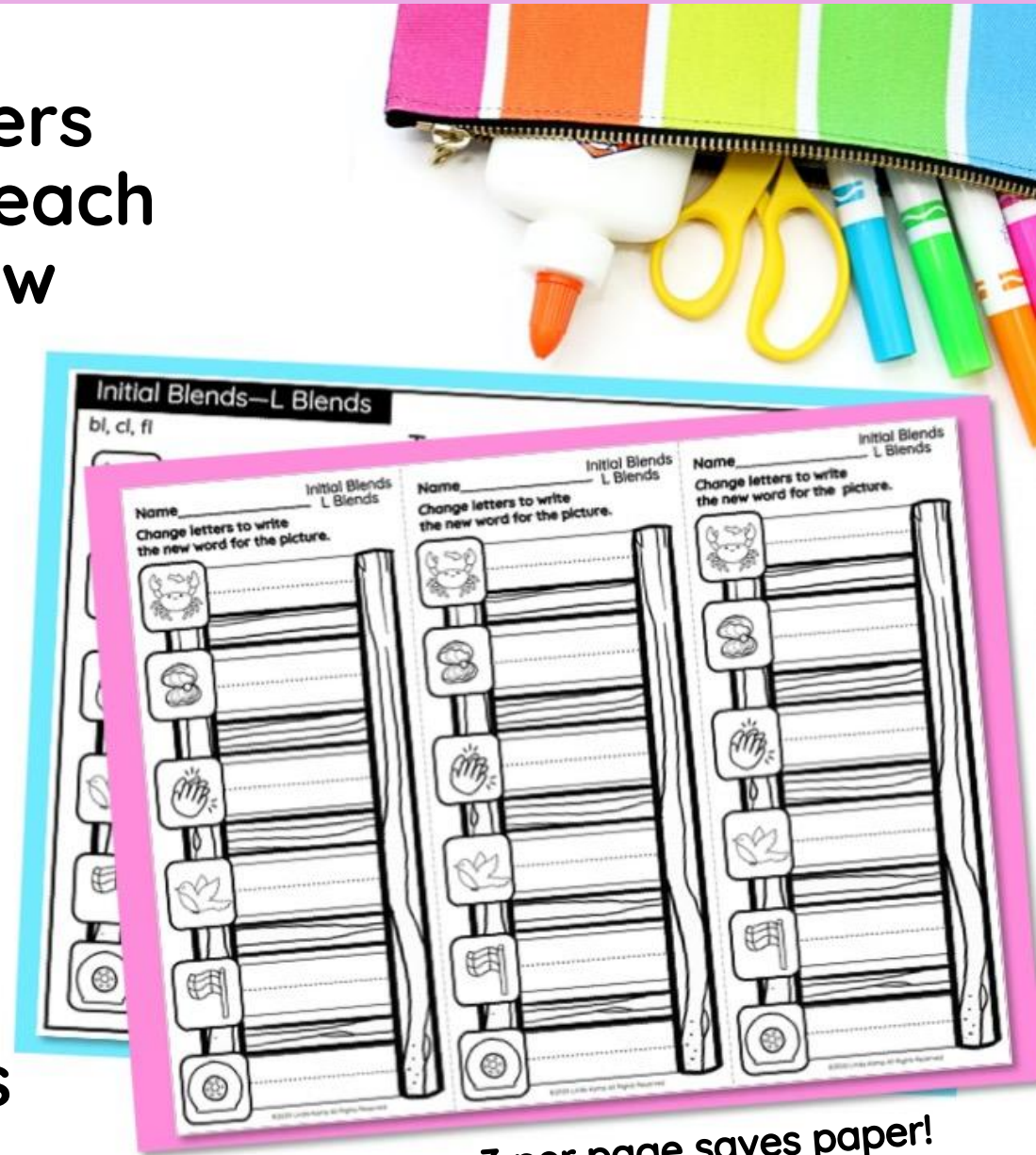


This resource includes:

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

14 Projectable word ladders with guiding picture prompts

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



*Printing 3 per page saves paper!



ALSO INCLUDES:

Guided teacher scripts & answer keys for each word ladder activity

Initial Blends—S Blends

sp, st, sw



Teacher Directions

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

Initial Blends—L Blends

bl, cl, fl



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. (CLAW)
2. Change one letter to match the picture in the next line. What letter did you change? (W to M) What is the new word? Spell it. (CLAM).
3. Change one letter in clam to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (M to P) What is the new word? Spell it. (CLAP)
4. Change one letter in clap to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (C to F) What is the new word? Spell it. (FLAP)
5. Change one letter in flap to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (P to G) What is the new word? Spell it. (FLAG)
6. Change one letter in flag to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (G to T) What is the new word? Spell it. (FLAT)

Initial Blends—R Blends

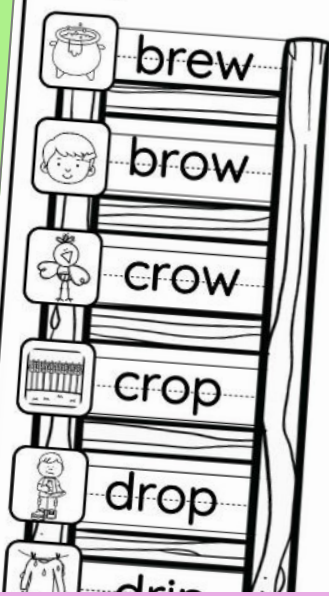
fr, gr, pr, tr

Teacher Directions

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

Initial Blends—R Blends

br, cr, dr



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. (BREW).
2. Change one letter to match the picture in the next line. What letter did you change? (E to O) What is the new word? Spell it. (BROW).
3. Change one letter in brow to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (B to C) What is the new word? Spell it. (CROW)
4. Change one letter in crow to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (W to P) What is the new word? Spell it. (CROP)
5. Change one letter in crop to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (C to D) What is the new word? Spell it. (DROP)
6. Change one letter in drop to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (O to A) What is the new word? Spell it. (DROPP)

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

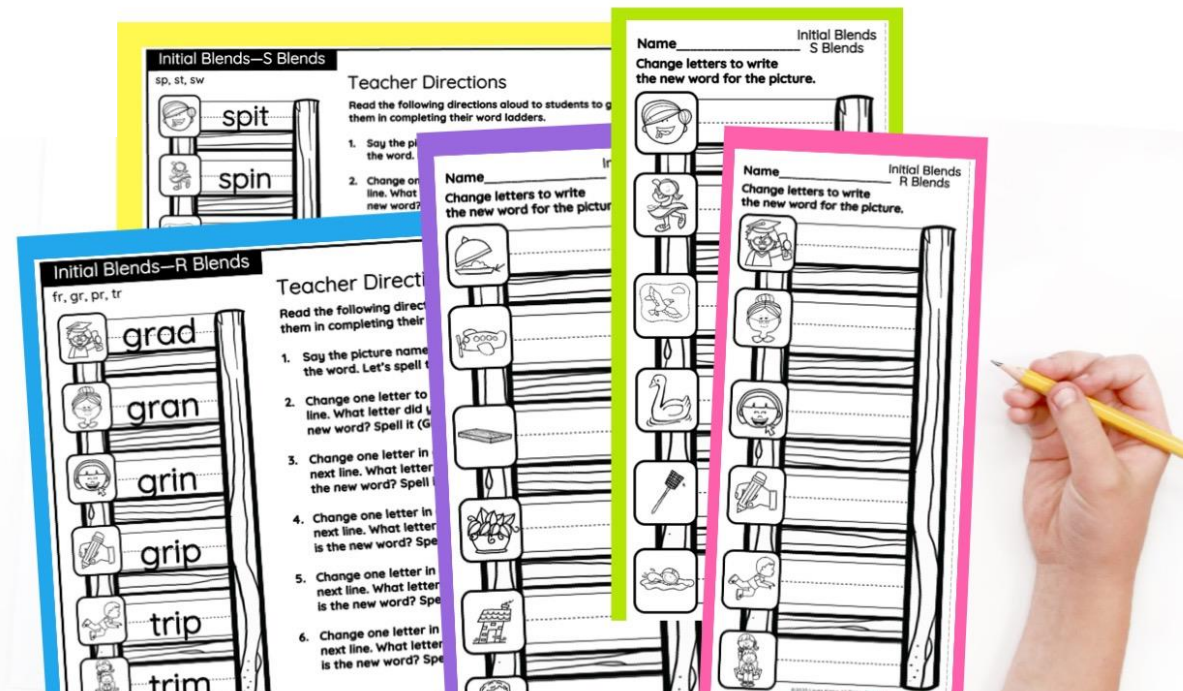


When to use Word Ladders

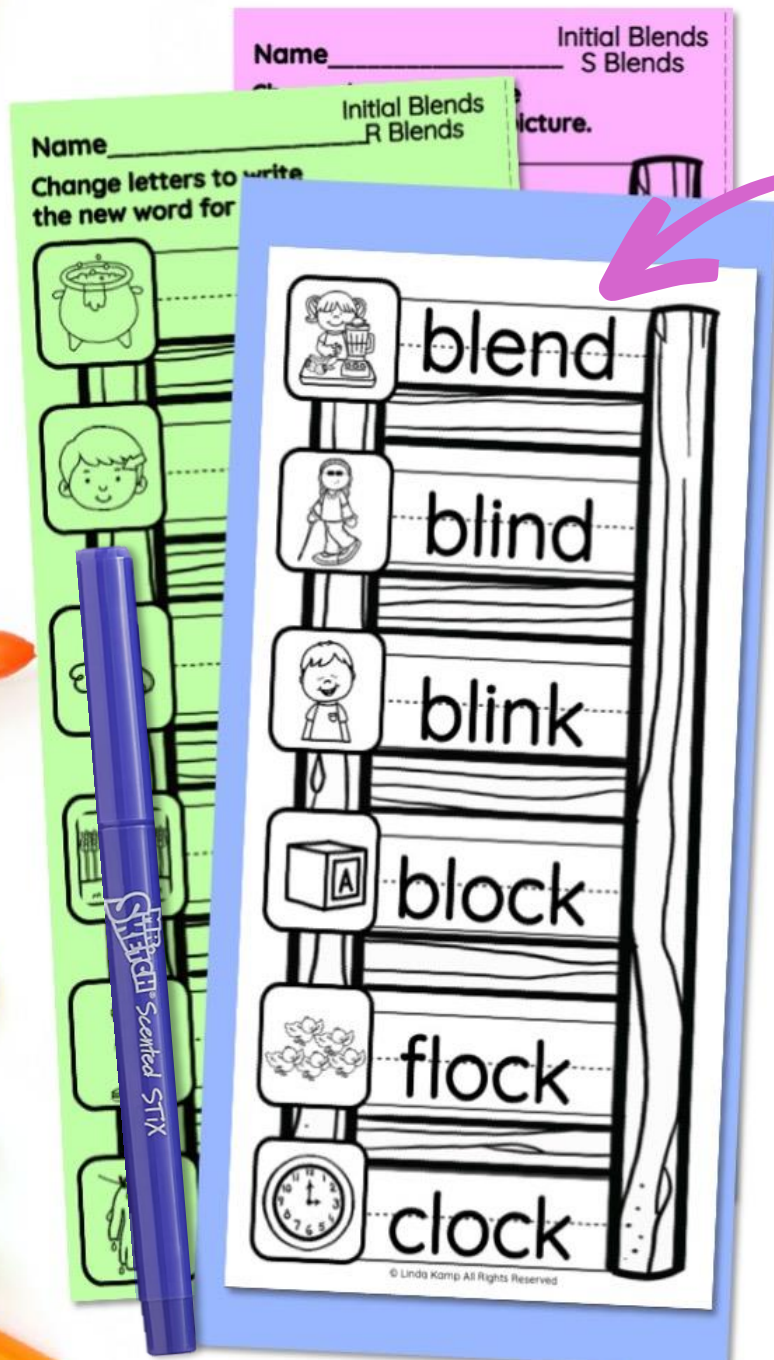


- ★ During phonics lessons as practice or review
- ★ Perfect for literacy centers
- ★ Ideal for small groups and interventions

- ★ 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

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



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Easily differentiate with a 5-picture prompt version

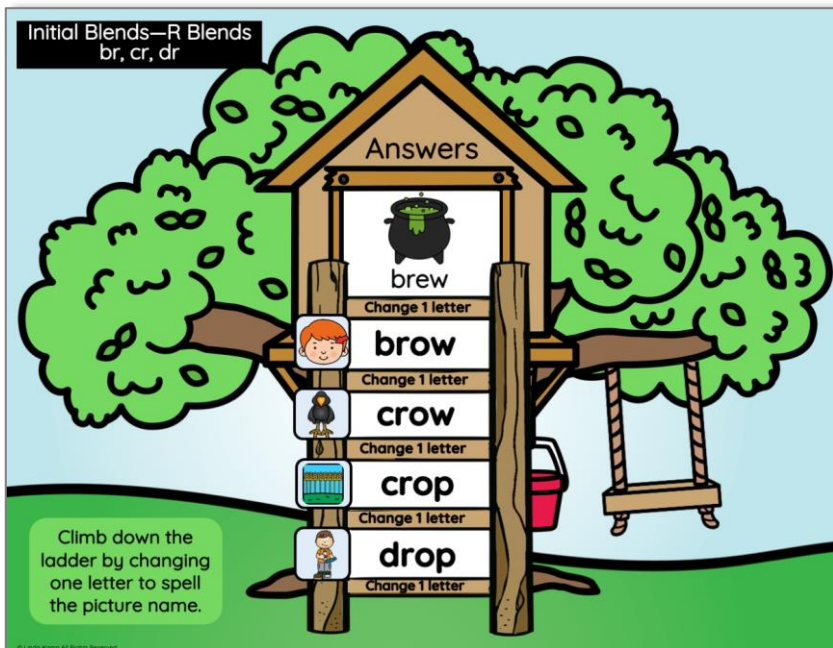
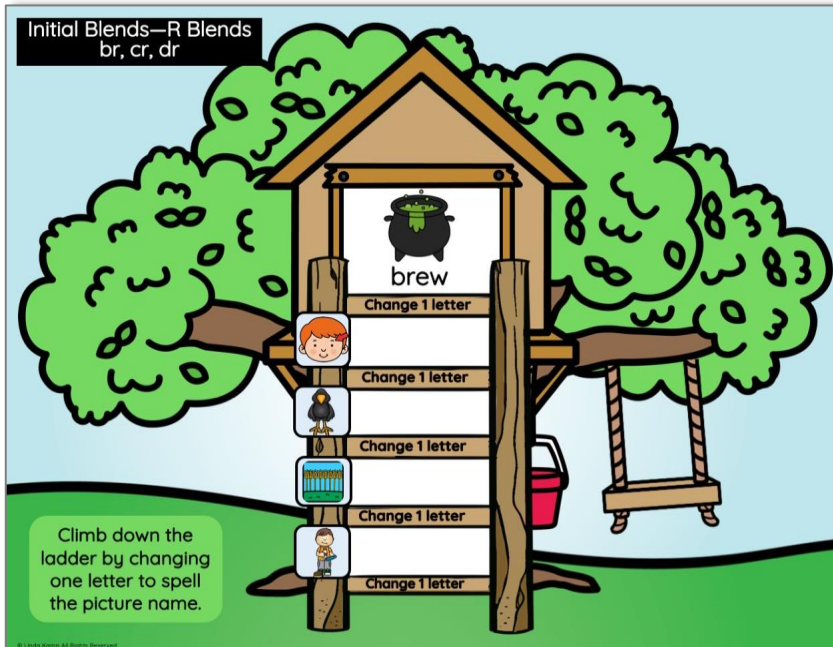


2

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

You may like these phonics units too!

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