



# Word Tube

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### Introduction

Learning sight words is an important step towards literacy for kids. Allowing children to combine letters into words makes them more aware of the unique sounds each letter can make. Turning this into a fun, hands on activity for children is a great way to practice creating and sounding out words while developing fine motor skills.

A word tube is a simple tool to help emerging readers create and recognize sight words and work towards these important literacy milestones!



### Supplies

- Paper towel tube
- Paper template (several included on pages 4-10)
- Glue or stapler
- Pictures or stickers
- Scissors
- Cardstock (optional)



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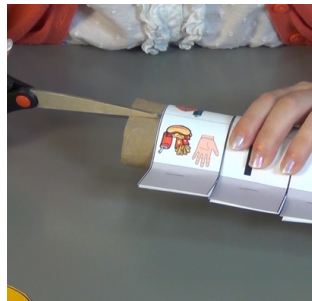
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### Instructions, continued

1. Cut out template: This can be printed on regular paper or cardstock, or copy by hand onto craft foam. Wrap strips around the tube; glue or staple tabs ends together so that the tabs move freely around the tube. Make sure that strips stay in the correct order and are all facing the same direction.
2. (Optional) Make your own template: If you want to choose your own words for your word tube, you can use a blank template (pages 8-10) for a custom word tube! Don't forget to add pictures or stickers for the words you choose.
3. Attach circles to paper towel tube ends: Cut circles from our template using cardstock or paper. Secure circles to the tube by cutting tabs into the ends of the tube and bending them backwards. Then, staple or glue circles to bent tabs.



Wrap strips around tube.



Cut four tabs into the tube...



...and bend the tabs back.



Staple the circle to tabs.

### How to Use Your Word Tube

Use the tabs to rotate the letters on the tube to spell out the words. If your tube has pictures, start with a picture and then create the matching word. This allows your child to make the connection between the image, word, and letters they selected to spell it. Creating a strong foundation with sight words helps your child develop skills they can build on when they start tackling bigger words.

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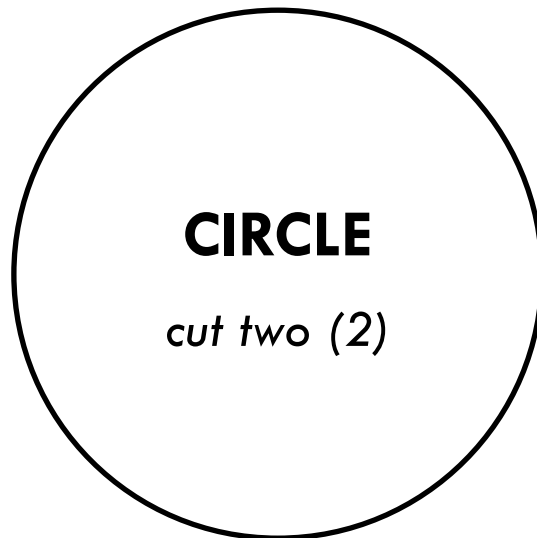
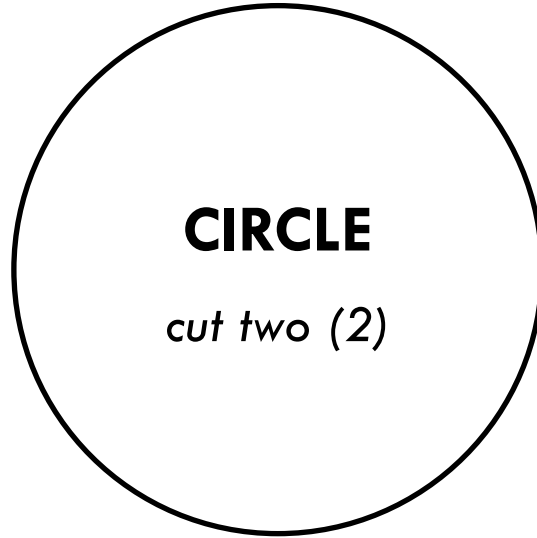
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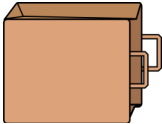






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**WORDS IN THIS TEMPLATE:**

dog bat  
 cat hat  
 hot bug  
 bag car

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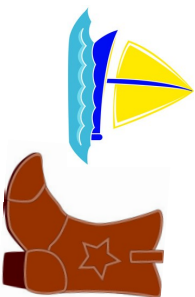
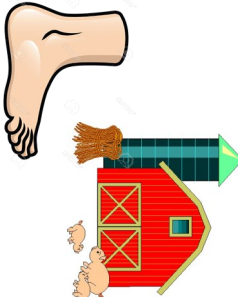
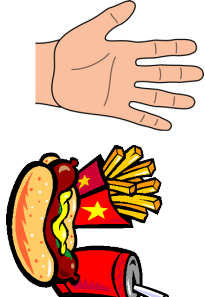


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foot	farm
boat	boot
bird	book

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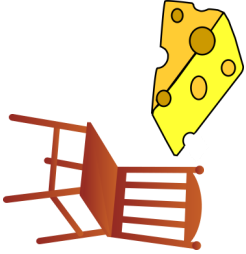
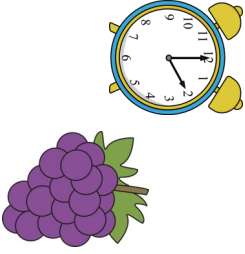


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 lock rock  
 clock grape  
 cheese chair

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 sock lock safe treat neat nest sneak trust  
 rust rest crack sack rack lack cluck  
 cleat crust clack snack track slack raft rock  
 crest creak truck seat neck trash clash sash  
 lash rash slosh nosh lost slash crash crush  
 lush such rush trace race lace last & more!

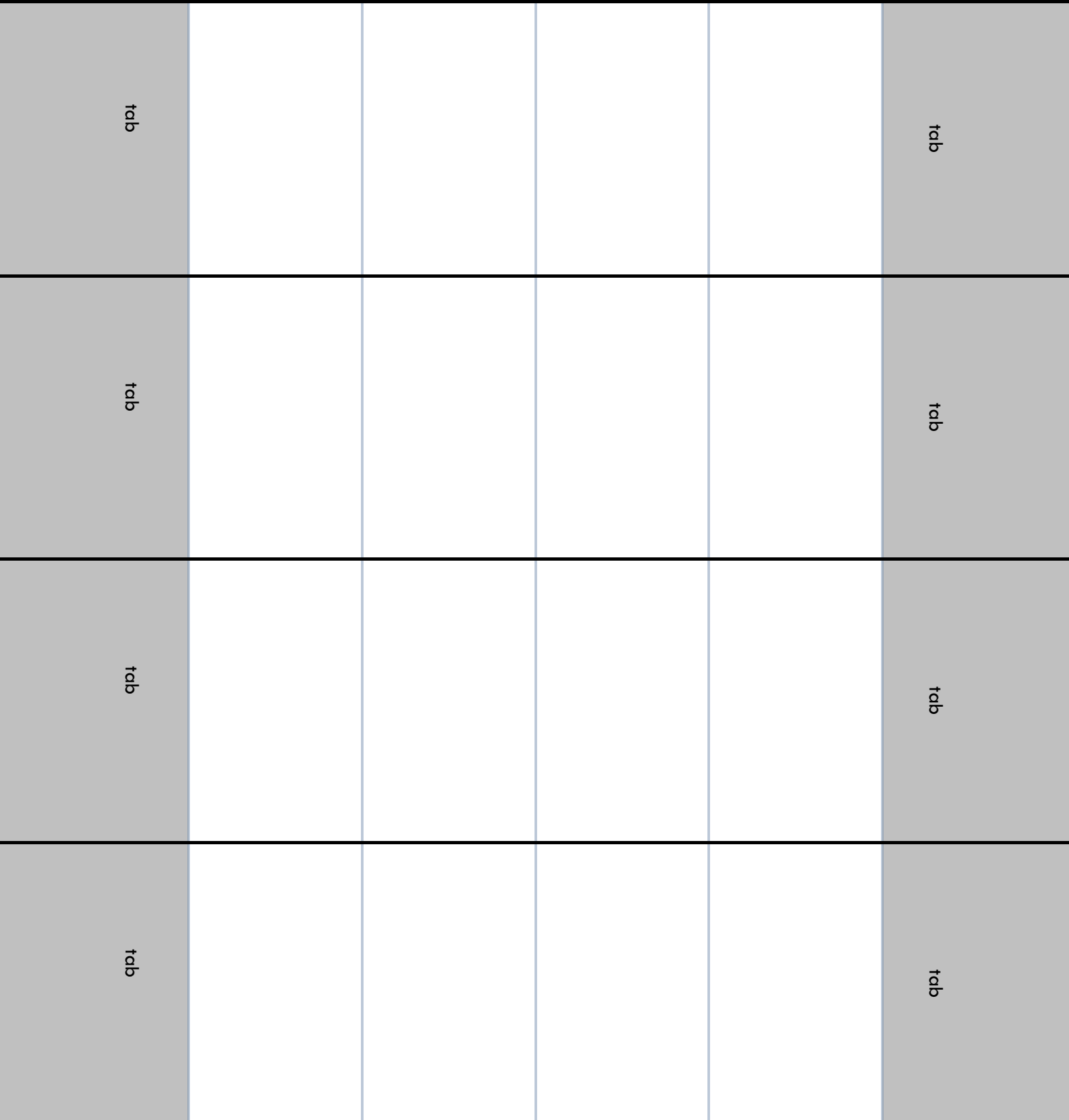
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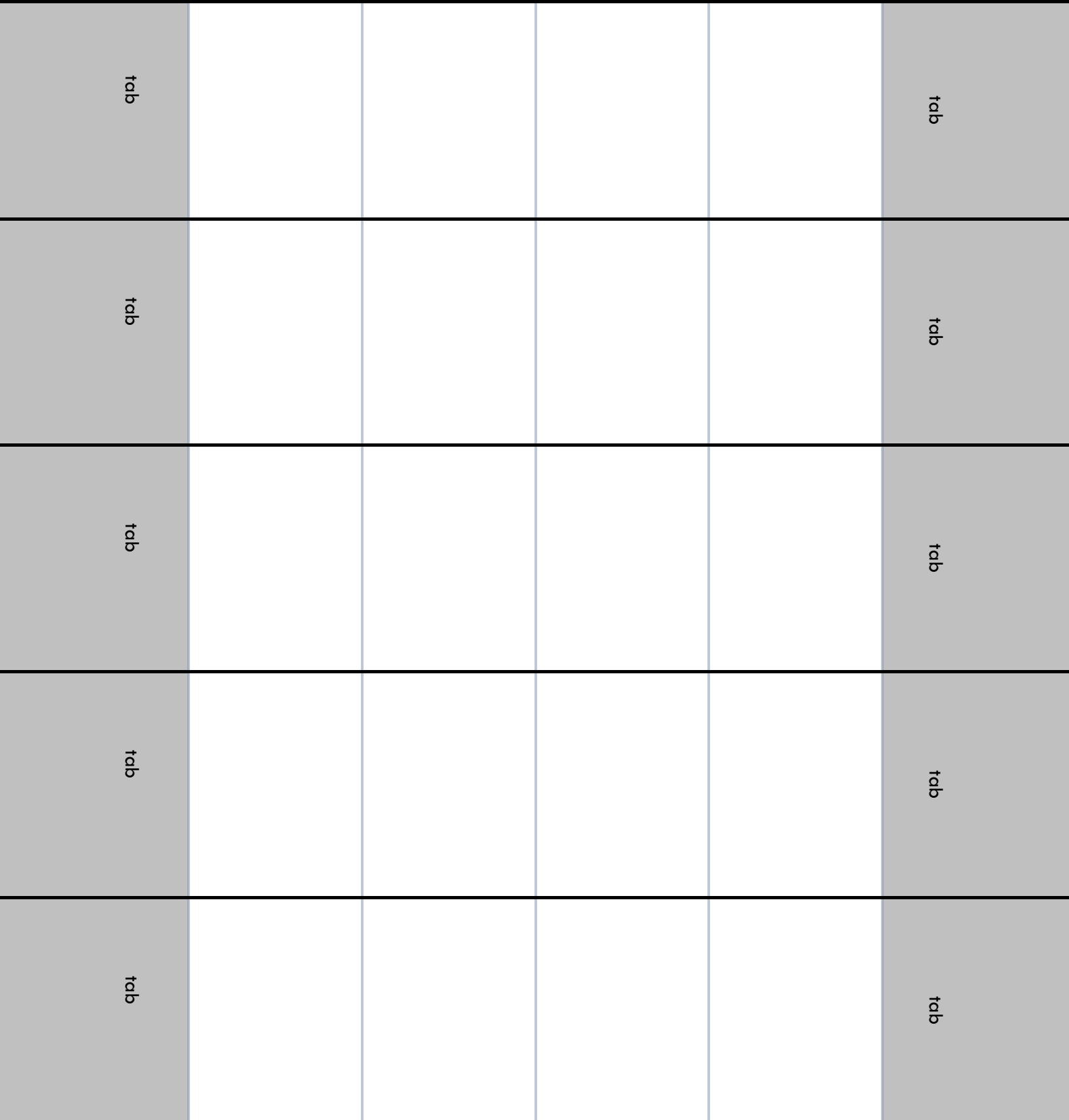




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