Word Ladder Windows™: CVC Words

Congratulations on your purchase of **Word Ladder Windows™: CVC Words,** a fun hands-on activity for beginning readers to isolate and substitute phonemes in simple pictorial word ladders.

Objective
Change just one letter at a time to make a new word.

Meeting the Standards
Word Ladder Windows™: CVC Words aligns with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts below. For alignment with other state standards, please refer to our website's Standards Match.

Phonics and Word Recognition
RF.K.3.d. Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ.

Phonemic Awareness
RF.K.2.d. Isolate and pronounce the initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in three-phoneme (consonant-vowel-consonant, or CVC) words.

Conventions of Standard English
L.K.2.d. Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.

This Really Good Stuff product includes:
- 28 Word Ladder Cards
- 4 Window Sliders
- This Really Good Stuff Instructional Guide

Managing the *Word Ladder Windows™: CVC Words*

- Visit our website www.reallygoodstuff.com to download Really Good Stuff Instructional Guides.
- The self-checking cards are numbered for easy management, practice, and assessment.
- The cards are dry erase for individual use or for projecting and completing with your whole class.
- Give students only a few cards at once and have them record their word ladders on the *Recording Sheet.*
- Cards and *Window Sliders* are designed to slide from the top to the bottom. Some students may realize that they can work from the bottom to the top. Either way provides practice in word study.
- Use the *Recording Sheets* to monitor progress.

Introducing the *Word Ladder Windows™: CVC Words*
Actively engage students in fun phoneme isolation and substitution! This is a daily word study activity for the whole class, intervention, or center time. Simply move the *Window Slider*, showing two pictures at a time, to teach beginning readers how to make word ladders. Students love the challenge of turning *pig* into *dog*, changing just one or two letters at a time (using yellow clues) and recording their words on the sheet provided. Students will enjoy learning how words work with this fun tool!

Model the Activity

Model the activity before having students practice and ultimately work independently.

Select one card and window (and dry erase marker) and feed the card through the window. Give each student a *Recording Sheet* and pencil. Think aloud as you demonstrate how to complete a word ladder. Remind students that they will work with just two pictures at a time in the window as they slide the window down the card.
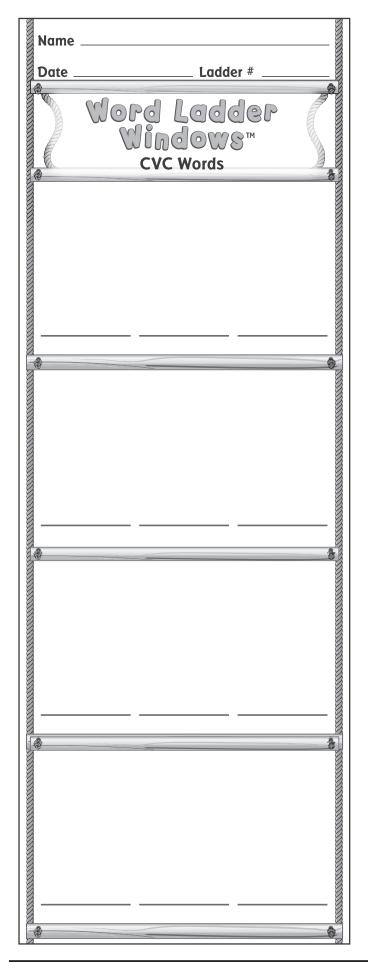
Say, "Let's work on card #1. Write 1 on your *Recording Sheet*. I'm going to change *pig* into *dog*! I will do that by changing just one letter each time I make a new word. We begin with *pig*, /p/ /i/ /g/. Below it I see *wig*, /w/ /i/ /g/. The yellow box is my clue and lets me know which letter sound I must change to make the new word."

"I will start by writing *pig* (fill in the blank lines, saying each sound and letter as you write)." Invite students to sound out the word and direct your writing. Be sure to refer to beginning, middle and ending sounds. Have students write *pig* on their *Recording Sheets*.

"I see the next picture is *wig*. How do I change *pig* to *wig*? This yellow box (pointing to it) tells me my beginning sound must change. Let's say *wig*, /w/ /i/ /g/. What is the first sound you hear in *wig*? Yes, /w/! I will write *w* in the first blank line." Complete the rest of the blank lines, carrying down the letters that do not change (ig). Point out that those letters did not change. "We changed just one letter to make *pig* say *wig*!" Have students write *wig* on their *Recording Sheets*.

Slide the window down to reveal *wig* and *dig*. Repeat the process until the last word is completed. Check your work using the back of the card.

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Word Ladder Windows™: CVC Words Progress Monitoring Sheet Reproducible

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