

## Word Twists™

This Really Good Stuff® product includes:

- 10 Word Twists™
- 30 Star Stickers
- This Really Good Stuff® Instructional Guide

Congratulations on your purchase of the Really Good Stuff® **Word Twists™**, an innovative, engaging way to practice word building.

### Meeting Standards

The Really Good Stuff® **Word Twists™** align 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.

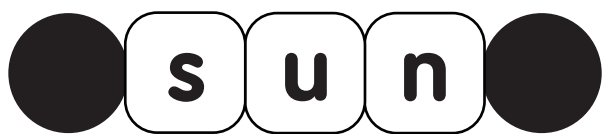
#### Phonics and Word Recognition

**RF.1.3b** Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.

### Managing the Word Twists™

- Visit our website [www.reallygoodstuff.com](http://www.reallygoodstuff.com) to download Really Good Stuff® Instructional Guides.
- Before using, place the *Star Stickers* over the line art on the *Word Twists™* to make those cubes more colorful.

With the **Word Twists™**, early readers can build over 200 CVC words. Depending on which cube you twist, that part of the word will change: twist the first cube to change the beginning sound, twist the middle cube to change the vowel sound, and twist the last cube to change the ending sound. Students have fun while substituting phonemes and reading the new words aloud.



### Introducing Word Twists™

Model this activity before students practice independently. All the words you can make using the **Word Twists™** have three parts that can be manipulated. Focus on different word parts by keeping the other two parts in place. Start with the beginning consonant sounds. Select a *Word Twist™*, twist each cube a couple of times, and then read the word. Ask students if it is a real word. If it is, read it again with students and record it on the *Word Twist Reproducible* under “Real Words.” If it is not, record it under “Nonsense Words.” Demonstrate how to change the beginning sound. Twist the first cube and with your group, read the new word aloud, and decide whether or not it is a real word and record it on the reproducible. After changing the beginning sound, demonstrate how to change the ending sound by only twisting the last cube while keeping the first two cubes in place. Read each word and decide if it is a real or nonsense word as you go. Finally, repeat the steps for changing the middle sound.



The star is like a wild space—you decide on the letter.

If you turn over a star instead of a letter, you get to choose your own letter to make a word. For example, choose *i* to make *sit* or *e* to make *set*.

Use the **Word Twists™** at a literacy center to reinforce word building and letter substitution.

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Word Twists

Write real words in the first column and nonsense words in the second column. Put a star next to the words you made using the special star space. Count the words in each column and put the total in the boxes below.

Real Words

Nonsense Words

Total Real Words

Total Nonsense Words