

Bag o' Tricks

Using Context Clues

Instructions:

Cut out the word pieces along the dotted lines and lay them faceup on a flat surface. Choose an activity mat. Read the first sentence and place a word piece in the box to complete it. Keep going until you have completed all six sentences. Then check the answer key and write how many you got correct in the "Total Score" box at the bottom of the page. Continue playing the same way with the remaining three activity mats.

Helpful Hint:

If you come across a word you don't know as you're reading, you can often use the surrounding words as clues to help you figure it out. These clues are called "context clues"—and they can help you read and understand unfamiliar vocabulary!

Example: "Even after studying for hours, I had a hard time answering some of the challenging questions on the test."

The clue words "hard time" can help you figure out that "challenging" means "difficult."

If you're having trouble figuring out which word completes a sentence, try placing different word pieces in the box until you build a sentence that makes sense.



① BAG O' TRICKS

1. We always to music in the car.

2. The deer quickly across the road and ran into the woods.

3. Instead of sharing with his sister, the boy ate all the candy himself.

4. I looked everywhere, but I could not my backpack.

5. I so hard at the funny movie.

6. If we don't soon, we'll be late for soccer practice.

Total Score

listen

greedy

avoid

careful

collect

quiet

furious

darted

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1. Mom asked us to down while the baby was sleeping.

2. To the heat, we stayed in the cool house all day.

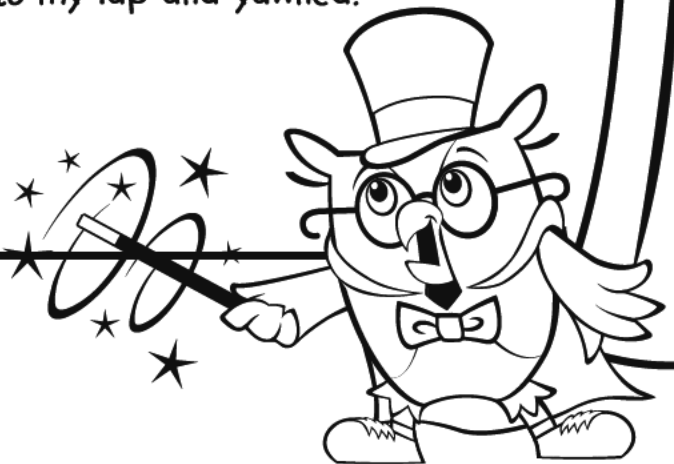
3. Be very if you ride your bike at night.

4. The ground stayed for several days after the rainstorm.

5. We everywhere, but we could not find our lost dog.

6. The kitten snuggled into my lap and yawned.

Total
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3

BAG O' TRICKS

1. The test was very , but Jack
got a perfect score!

2. I am of the dark.

3. Please all the eggs and put them in a basket.

4. If you want to the museum, you must buy a ticket.

5. The children solved the tricky puzzle quickly.

6. The baby's happy showed
us all four of his teeth!

Total
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4

BAG O' TRICKS

1. April was when her sister broke her toy.

2. After the rain stopped, we could see a big in the sky.

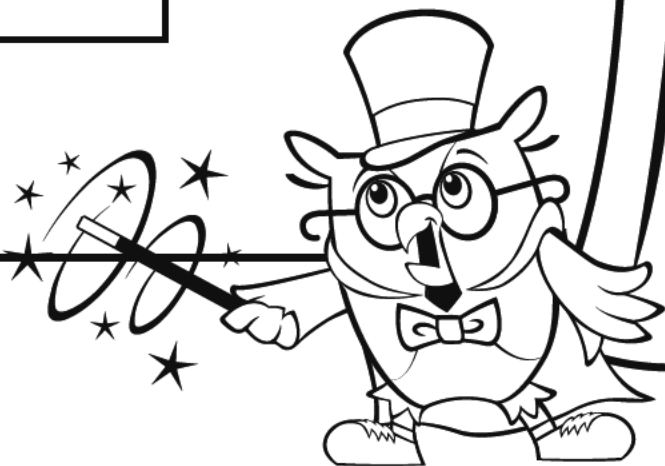
3. All of our belongings were in the fire.

4. A microscope helps scientists tiny things.

5. As we walked down the pier, the of fish grew stronger.

6. The house next door has been ever since the neighbors moved out.

Total
Score




afraid	collect	empty	greedy	listen	rainbow
avoid	darted	enter	grin	observe	searched
careful	destroyed	find	laughed	odor	tired
clever	difficult	furious	leave	quiet	wet

Answer Key

1 BAG O' TRICKS

1. We always **listen** to music in the car.
2. The deer **darted** quickly across the road and ran into the woods.
3. Instead of sharing with his sister, the **greedy** boy ate all the candy himself.
4. I looked everywhere, but I could not **find** my backpack.
5. I **laughed** so hard at the funny movie.
6. If we don't **leave** soon, we'll be late for soccer practice.


Total Score



2 BAG O' TRICKS

1. Mom asked us to **quiet** down while the baby was sleeping.
2. To **avoid** the heat, we stayed in the cool house all day.
3. Be very **careful** if you ride your bike at night.
4. The ground stayed **wet** for several days after the rainstorm.
5. We **searched** everywhere, but we could not find our lost dog.
6. The **tired** kitten snuggled into my lap and yawned.


Total Score



3 BAG O' TRICKS

1. The test was very **difficult**, but Jack got a perfect score!
2. I am **afraid** of the dark.
3. Please **collect** all the eggs and put them in a basket.
4. If you want to **enter** the museum, you must buy a ticket.
5. The **clever** children solved the tricky puzzle quickly.
6. The baby's happy **grin** showed us all four of his teeth!

Total Score



4 BAG O' TRICKS

1. April was **furious** when her sister broke her toy.
2. After the rain stopped, we could see a big **rainbow** in the sky.
3. All of our belongings were **destroyed** in the fire.
4. A microscope helps scientists **observe** tiny things.
5. As we walked down the pier, the **odor** of fish grew stronger.
6. The house next door has been **empty** ever since the neighbors moved out.

Total Score

