

# Reading Inspires!

## Viewing Party Kit



Celebrate Reading Is Fundamental's 60th Birthday with our annual virtual event, Reading Inspires! Kick off the reading fun on Friday March 6, 2026 (and available on demand until September 30, 2026) at [RallytoRead.org/events](https://RallytoRead.org/events) to watch our live reading celebration event featuring best selling authors, Nick Bruel and Dan Yaccarino. To help make this celebration more fun, use this exclusive kit which includes the following printable materials to create your very own viewing party from your classroom or home.

- **Birthday Pinwheel:** Create a fun party favor.
- **Coloring Page:** Color inspiring Rally To Read characters.
- **Bookworm Bookmark:** Build your own bookworm bookmark with celebration accessories.
- **Party Hat/Reading Crown:** Create simple party attire to enjoy the celebration.
- **Selfie Frame:** Show off your love of reading and take some fun photos.
- **Coloring Sheets:** Make your own 'Step and Repeat' and create a classroom photo backdrop.
- **RIF's 60th Birthday Book Word Ladder:** Build vocabulary and celebrate books from the past 60 years with this classroom activity.

Be sure to share your reading celebration on social media! Use [#RIFReadingInspires!](#), [#RIF60](#) or [#RallytoRead](#) and tag RIF so we can repost, showcasing your Rally to Read 100 fun!



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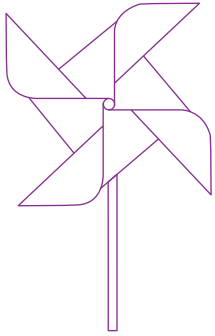
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# Make a Reading Inspires! Pinwheel

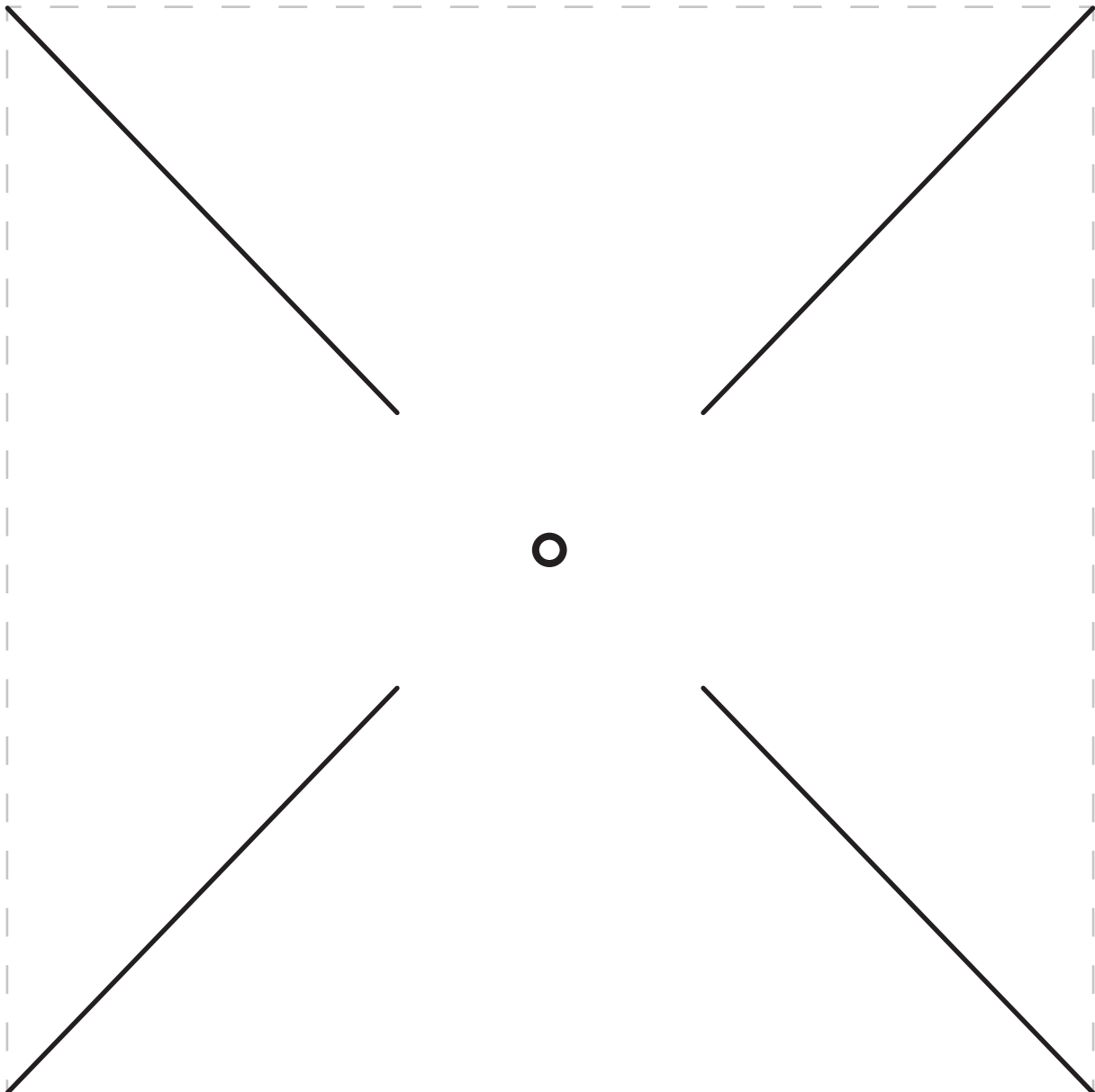


**Materials:** Scissors + a straight pin (or tape or glue) + a pencil with eraser

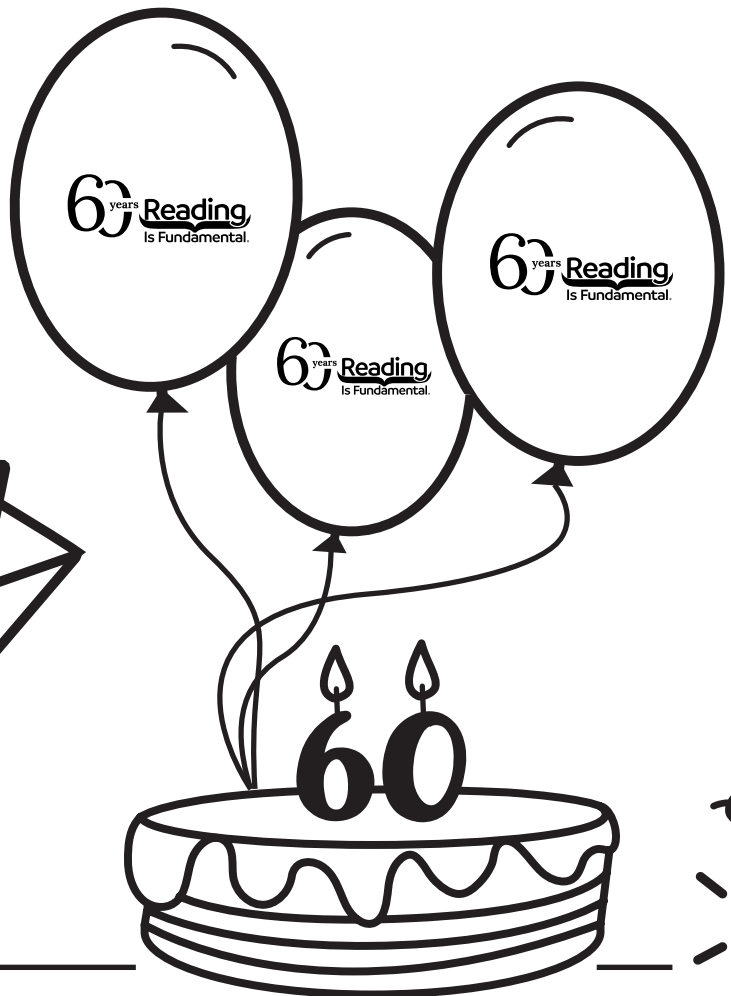
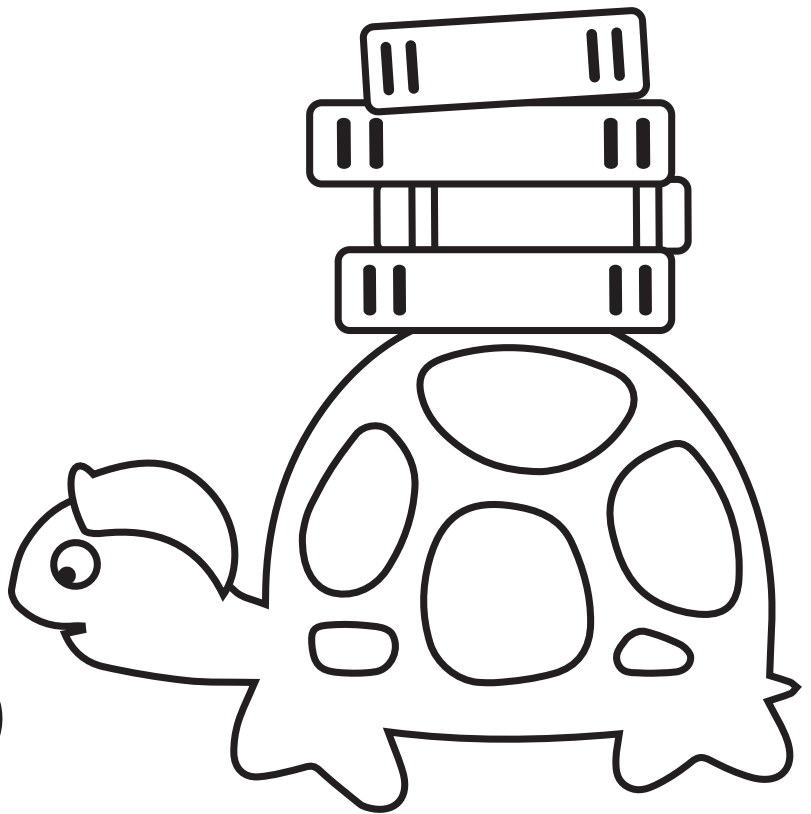
**Instructions:** Decorate your pinwheel paper by coloring the different panels. Use Rally to Read colors, purple, green, and blue.

1. Cut along the dashed line, then down the diagonal lines.
2. Gently bend (don't fold) alternating corners until 4 points meet in the center.
3. Stick the pin (or glue or tape) through all 4 points and into the pencil eraser.
4. Cut out the 60's, balloons or Rally to Read logo and put it in the center before you stick the pin through to make your pinwheel extra celebratory!

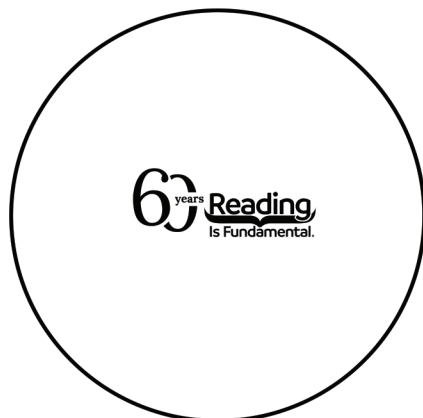
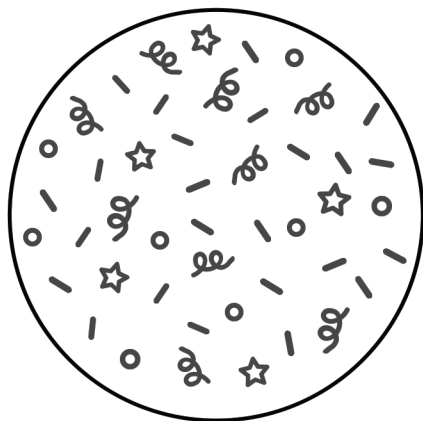
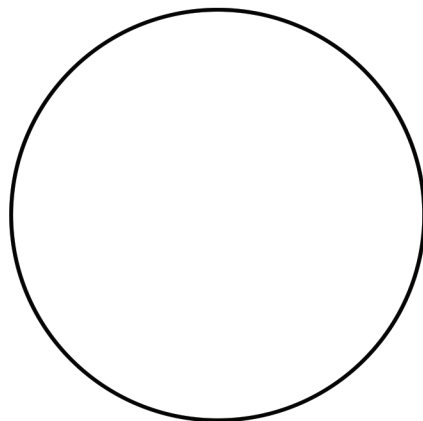
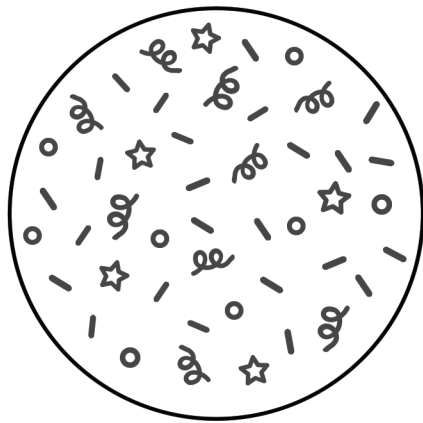
**Show us your pinwheels!** #RIF60 #ReadingInspires! #RallytoRead



# Color Me!



# Make a Bookworm Bookmark!

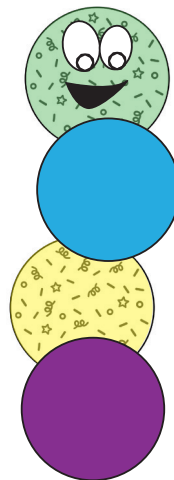


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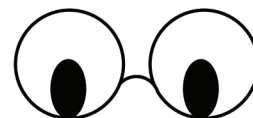
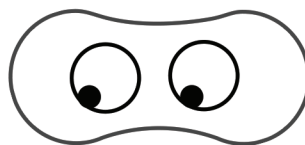
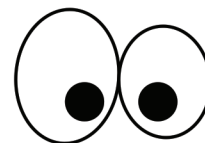
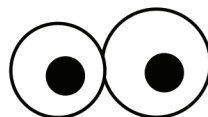
- Glue
- Markers, crayons
- Scissors

## Instructions:

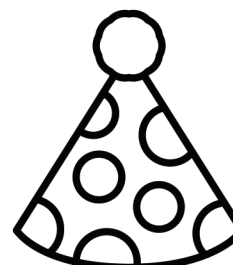
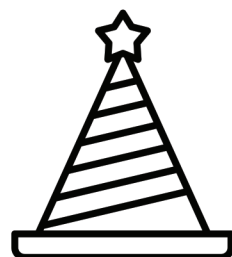
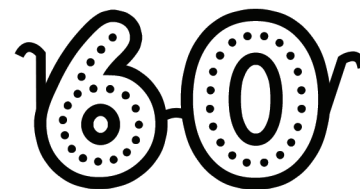
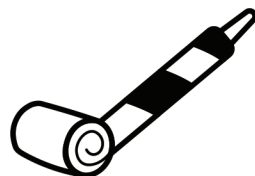
1. Cut out the circles, faces, and accessories.
2. Have students color in each section.
3. Overlap each large circle, attach with glue.
4. Choose your favorite eyes, mouth and accessories and glue them to make your bookworm come to life!



## Face options



## Accessories



# Reading Crown!

## Materials:

- Glue or tape, scissors

## Instructions:

1. Cut out each section.
2. Tape or glue the flat edged peices together, A to A and B to B. One end will have the pointed edge, and the other end will be the T shape.
3. Wrap the crown around a child's head and then fold the ends of the T down on the inside of the crown. Tape or glue to reinforce the strap of the crown.



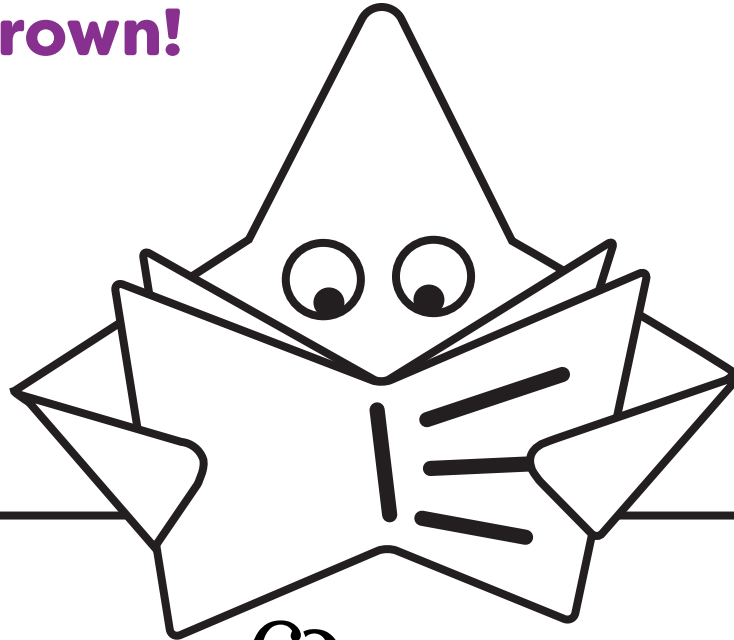
# Color in Reading Crown!

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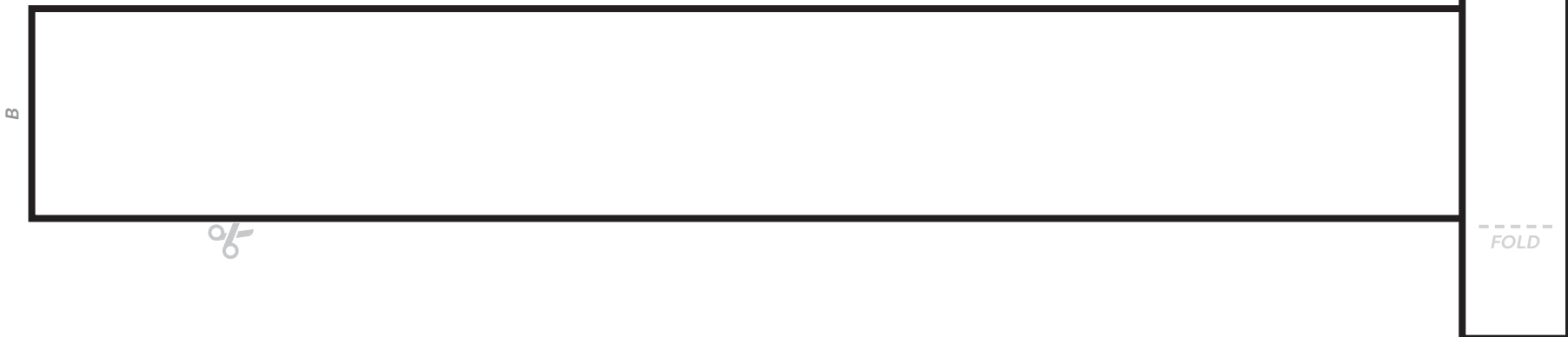
- Glue or tape, scissors

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1. Color in the crown.
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# Party Hat!



## Materials:

- Stapler, elastic cord or string

## Instructions:

1. Cut out along the dotted lines.
2. Curl the hat into a cone and tape or glue at the edge to secure.
3. Attach elastic cord to the hat by stapling each end where indicated to the inside



# I Rallied to Read!

## Selfie Frame

Cut out the inner white rectangle  
to create your selfie frame.

Take pictures and share using  
**#RIFReadingInspires!**



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until every child reads

# Step and Repeat Coloring Sheets

(example below)

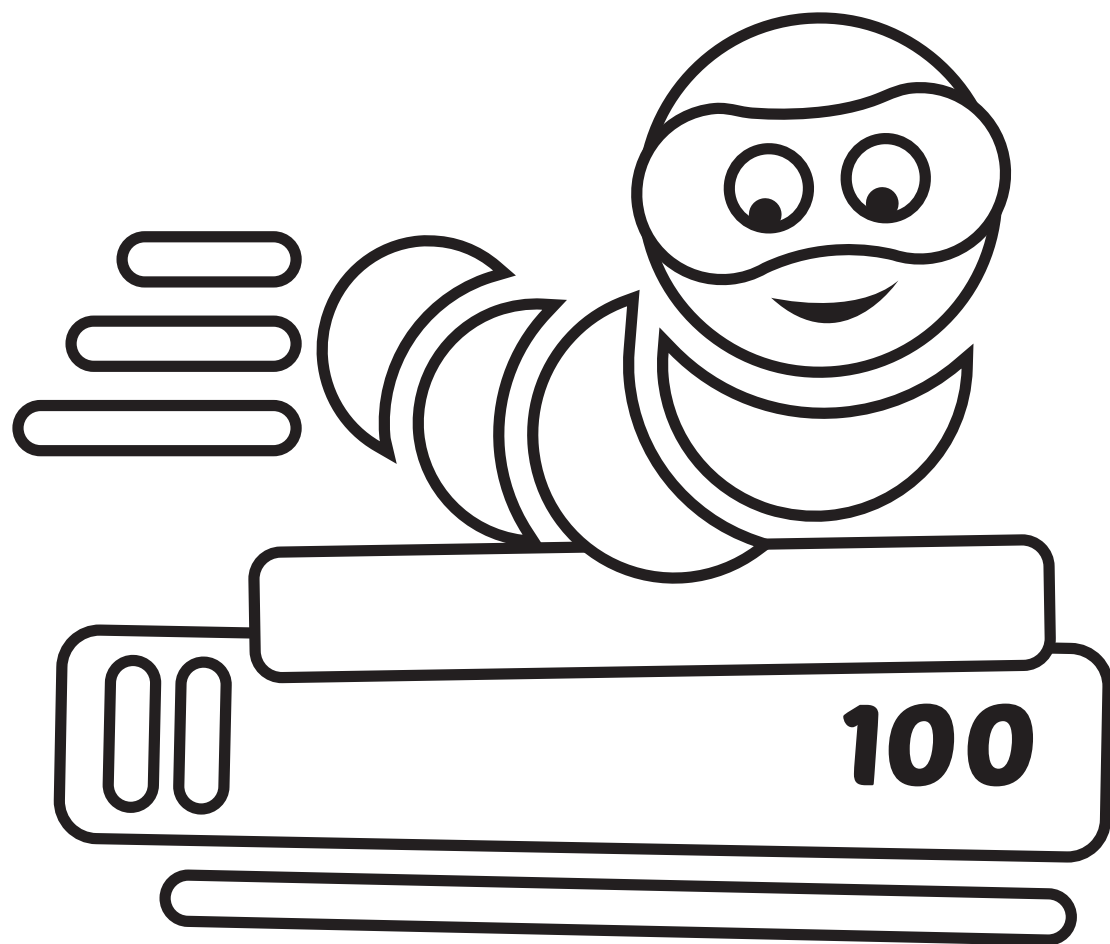
1. Provided are a number of downloadable coloring sheets.
2. Print them in landscape orientation and have each student choose one to color.
3. Hang the collection of sheets on a bulletin board or wall.
4. Have your students stand in front of their very own Rally to Read 'step and repeat' banner and take pictures.



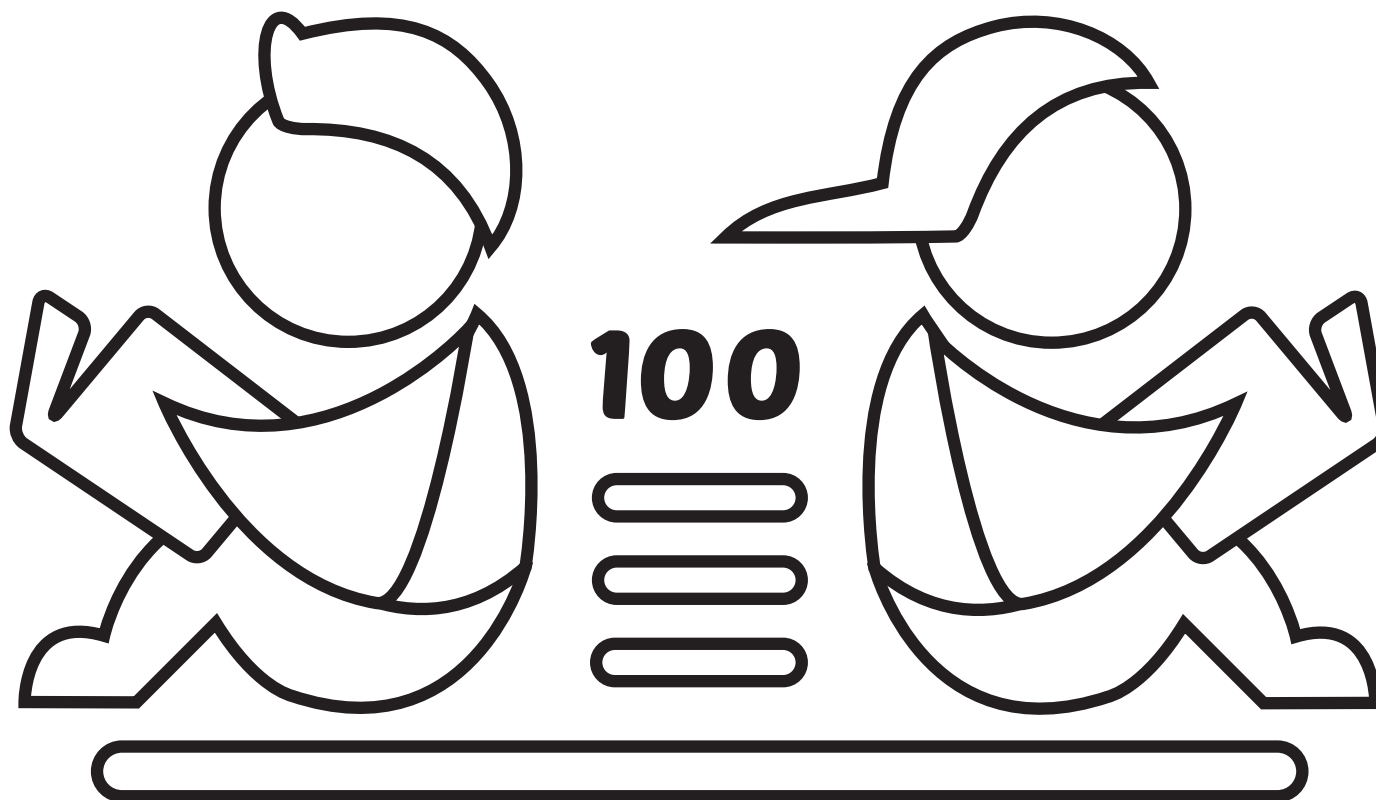
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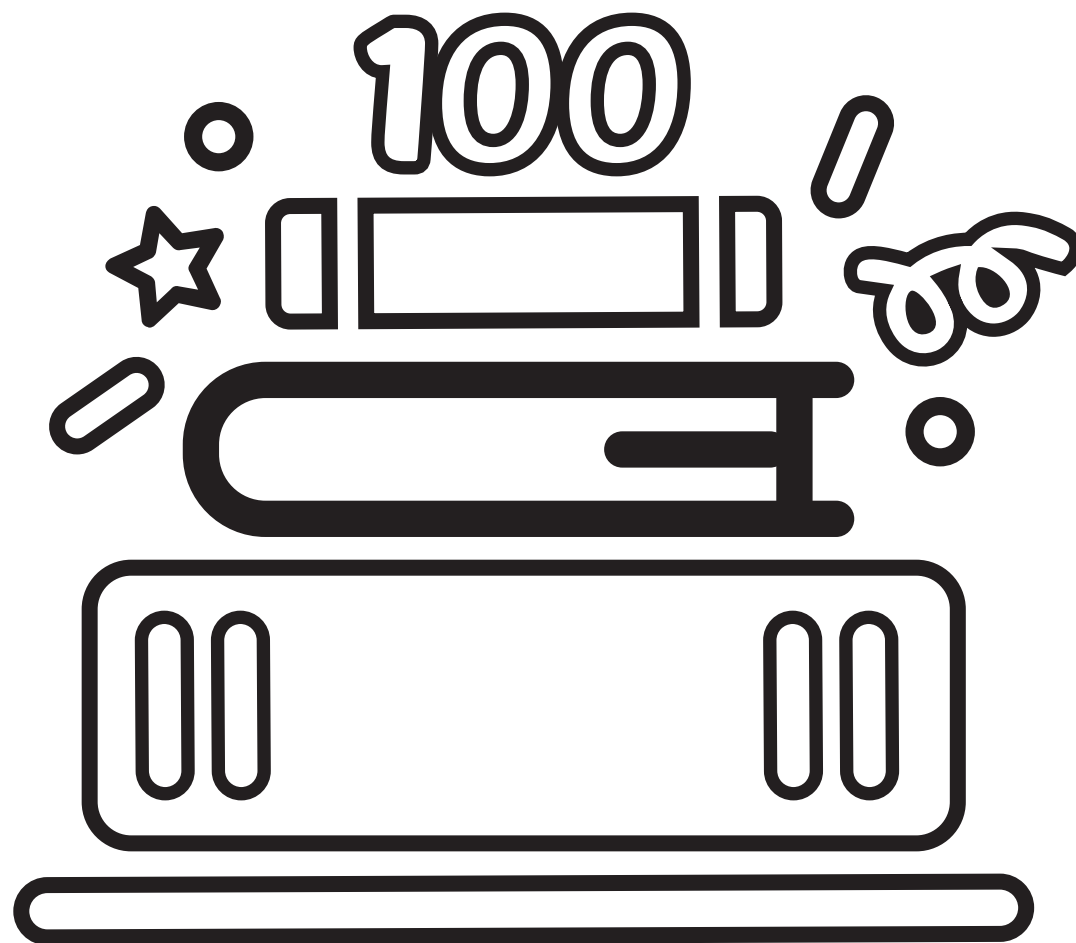
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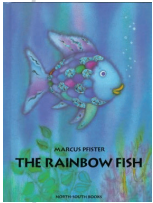


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### WORD LADDER Short Vowels

#### Directions

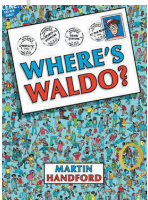
1. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.
2. Read the clues, then write the words.
3. To scaffold this activity, check out [RIF's Sound Spelling Cards](#).



This helps the fish swim in the ocean.  
**Change the vowel sound.**



This animal is part of a bedtime story that keeps getting interrupted.  
**Change the first sound.**



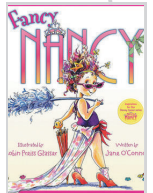
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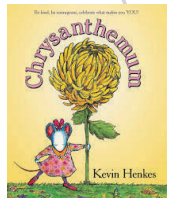
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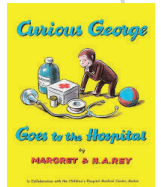
Nancy loves stylish things and might wave this dramatically.  
**Change the first and vowel sound.**



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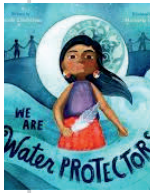


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**WORD LADDER**  
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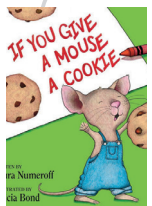
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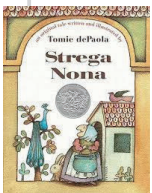
They protected the water against the black \_\_\_\_.

**Change the first sound to a blend.**



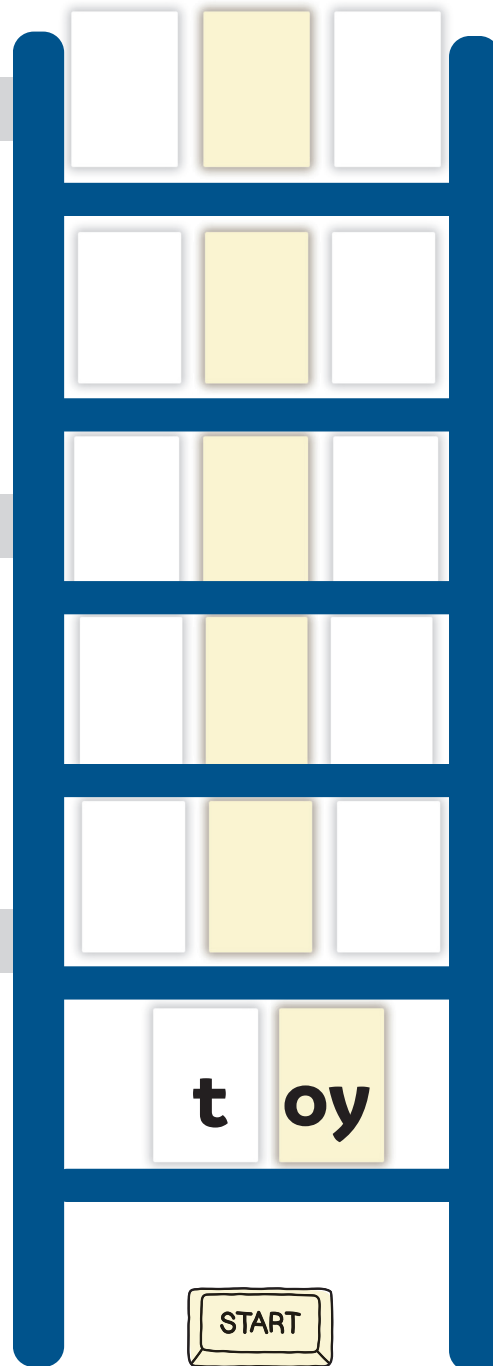
You \_\_\_\_ cookies in the oven.

**Change the vowel to long a with a silent e and the last sound.**



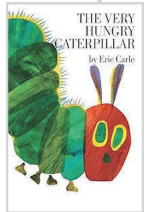
Strega Nona does this to pasta.

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The very hungry caterpillar ate through a cup \_\_\_\_.

**Change the first sound.**



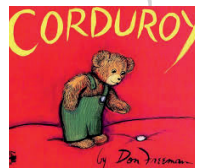
Hot Dog and his owner went here to escape the city.

**Change the vowel pattern and last sound.**



Corduroy is a \_\_\_\_ bear.

**Read the word.**

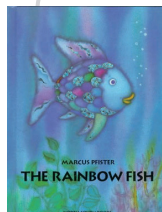


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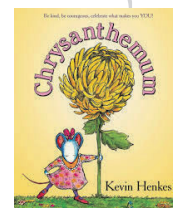
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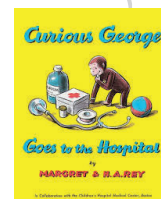
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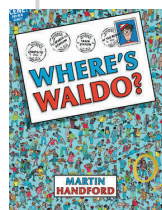
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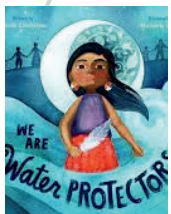
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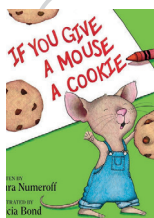
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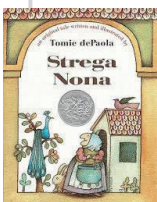
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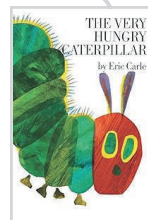
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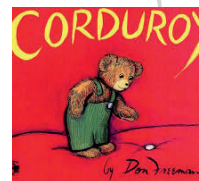
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