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# Introduction

Each book in the *Power Practice*™ series contains dozens of ready-to-use activity pages to provide students with skill practice. Use the fun activities to supplement and enhance what you are already teaching in your classroom. Give an activity page to students as independent class work, or send the pages home as homework to reinforce skills taught in class. An answer key is provided for quick reference.

*Word Games 6–8* is filled with challenging puzzles and word games to help students improve their vocabulary and spelling, as well as sharpen their creative thinking skills. On many of the pages, a Just for Fun activity is provided for extended learning. The book is divided into nine main sections:

- **Make-a-Word Puzzles**  
Students go from letter to letter in adjacent circles or squares to see how many words they can make.
- **Hidden Word Puzzles**  
Students are given a three-letter word such as *ant*, *pen*, or *rat*. They write longer words that have the letter combination at the beginning, middle, or end of the word.
- **Word Search Puzzles**  
The word search puzzles are correlated to science and social studies topics. Students find and circle hidden words going forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. Each puzzle also features an extended learning activity.
- **Category Games**  
Students list words beginning with specific letters of the alphabet for five categories. They are encouraged to use reference materials to find names of unusual mountains, rivers, authors, etc. Students can exchange game sheets and easily check answers.
- **Crossword Puzzles**  
The crossword puzzles are correlated to parts of speech, synonyms, antonyms, homophones, plurals, abbreviations, and holidays.
- **What Would You Do?**  
These humorous puzzle sheets get students into the dictionary to look up unusual words.
- **Ladder Links**  
Students change one word at the top of the ladder into another word at the bottom of the ladder by changing only one letter at a time. Definition clues help them solve the puzzles.
- **Analogies**  
Students solve analogies to better understand the relationship between pairs of words, and, at the same time, strengthen their vocabulary.
- **Fun With Words**  
This is a collection of puzzles, including anagrams, classifying games, word scrambles, and more!

Use these ready-to-go activities to "recharge" skill review and give students the power to succeed!

# Word Square #1

## VOCABULARY AND SPELLING

How many words can you find in the square? Write the words you find on a separate sheet of paper.  
*Hint: There are more than 70 words.*

### Rules

- The words you find must have four or more letters.
- Start on any square and move one square in any direction to spell a word. You may not skip a square.

Examples: *Fist* is allowed because each square is touching another square.

*Note* is not allowed because the squares with the letters *t* and *e* are not touching each other.

- You may not use the same letter twice in a row (e.g., *noon*), but you can go back and use a letter again in the same word (e.g., *none*).
- Plurals are allowed.

F	M	B	L
I	S	O	N
C	T	R	E
U	Y	A	G

# Word Square #2

## VOCABULARY AND SPELLING

How many words can you find in the square? Write the words you find on a separate sheet of paper.  
*Hint: There are more than 75 words.*

### Rules

- The words you find must have four or more letters.
- Start on any square and move one square in any direction to spell a word. You may not skip a square.  
Examples: *Wane* is allowed because each square is touching another square.  
*Quit* is not allowed because the squares with the letters *i* and *t* are not touching each other.
- You may not use the same letter twice in a row (e.g., *will*), but you can go back and use a letter again in the same word (e.g., *nine*).
- Plurals are allowed.

Q	Z	L	O
U	I	G	E
W	A	N	S
T	R	C	K

# Word Square #3

## VOCABULARY AND SPELLING

How many words can you find in the square? Write the words you find on a separate sheet of paper.  
*Hint: There are more than 75 words.*

### Rules

- The words you find must have four or more letters.
- Start on any square and move one square in any direction to spell a word. You may not skip a square.

Examples: *Ants* is allowed because each square is touching another square.

*Wink* is not allowed because the squares with the letters *n* and *k* are not touching each other.

- You may not use the same letter twice in a row (e.g., *soot*), but you can go back and use a letter again in the same word (e.g., *tent*).
- Plurals are allowed.

C	N	A	O
H	E	T	S
B	U	R	Y
L	K	I	W

# Word Square #4

## VOCABULARY AND SPELLING

How many words can you find in the square? Write the words you find on a separate sheet of paper.  
*Hint: There are more than 85 words.*

### Rules

- The words you find must have four or more letters.
- Start on any square and move one square in any direction to spell a word. You may not skip a square.  
Examples: *Sink* is allowed because each square is touching another square.  
*Sister* is not allowed because the squares with the letters *t* and *e* are not touching each other.
- You may not use the same letter twice in a row (e.g., *need*), but you can go back and use a letter again in the same word (e.g., *gene*).
- Plurals are allowed.

P	T	R	W
A	I	S	K
X	G	N	U
L	E	D	J

# Round and Round

## VOCABULARY AND SPELLING

How many words can you find in the circles? Write the words you find on a separate sheet of paper.  
*Hint: There are more than 50 words.*

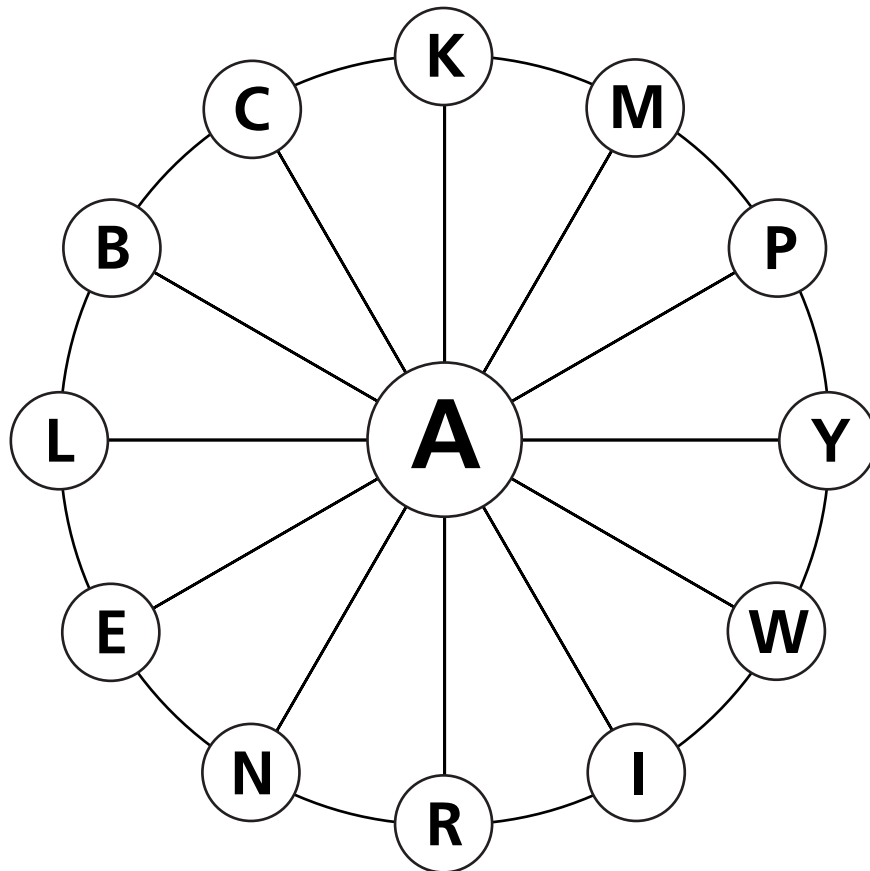
### Rules

- The words you find must have three or more letters.
- Start on any circle and move to an adjacent circle connected by a line to spell a word. You may not skip a circle.

Examples: *Man* is allowed because each circle is connected by a line.

*Men* is not allowed because the letter *m* is not connected to the letter *e*.

- You may not use the same letter twice in a row (e.g., *pall*), but you can go back and use a letter again in the same word (e.g., *canal*).



# Round and Round Again

## VOCABULARY AND SPELLING

How many words can you find in the circles? Write the words you find on a separate sheet of paper.  
*Hint: There are more than 75 words.*

### Rules

- The words you find must have three or more letters.
- Start on any circle and move to an adjacent circle connected by a line to spell a word.  
 You may not skip a circle.
- Examples: *Hem* is allowed because each circle is connected by a line.  
*Mar* is not allowed because the letter *m* is not connected to the letter *a*.
- You may not use the same letter twice in a row (e.g., *meet*), but you can go back and use a letter again in the same word.
- Plurals are allowed.

