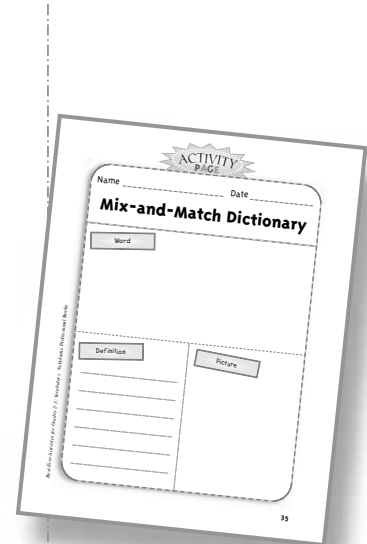


# Mix-and-Match Dictionary

Create these dictionaries to help students learn and review a set of vocabulary words.

Prepare a list of vocabulary words. Give students one copy of the dictionary page activity sheet for each word on the list. (See page 35.) Work with students to complete the dictionary page for each word. Have students follow these steps to assemble the mix-and-match dictionary:

- ⑥ Place the pages in alphabetical order and staple at the top.
- ⑥ Cut across the dotted line to separate the words from the definitions and pictures.
- ⑥ Mix up the definition-picture pages so they are no longer in alphabetical order. Staple at the left.
- ⑥ Use the dictionaries for vocabulary review, having students match the word to its correct definition and picture.



## Silly Stories

In this activity, students use vocabulary in context to create fill-in-the-blank stories for classmates to complete.

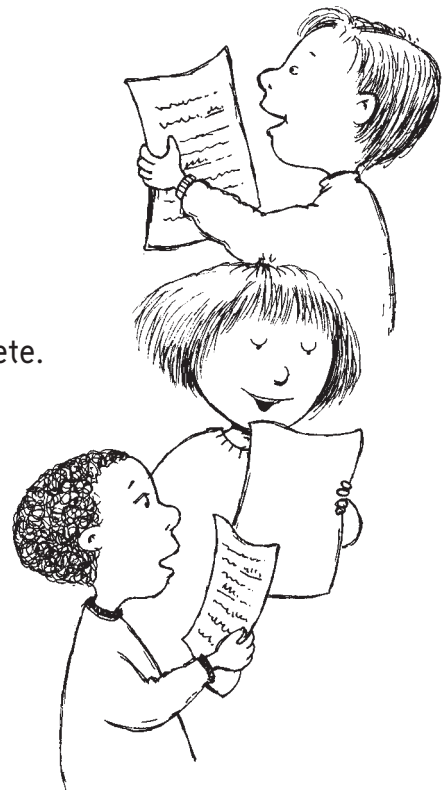
- ⑥ Give each student a list of vocabulary words. Have students follow these steps to create their story:

Write a silly story using all of the vocabulary words.

Copy the story on another sheet of paper. Replace the vocabulary words with blank lines.

Look up each vocabulary word in the dictionary.  
Write its part of speech under the blank line.

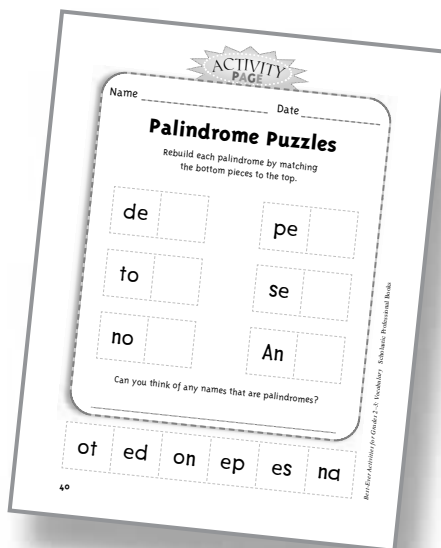
- ⑥ Let students exchange stories and fill in the blanks with vocabulary words from the list. Encourage them to take turns sharing and comparing their silly stories.



# Palindrome Puzzles

Show students how words can be symmetrical with this “puzzling” activity.

Write “mom” and “dad” on the chalkboard. Explain that these words are palindromes: They are spelled the same backward or forward. Give each student a copy of page 40. Show students how to cut apart, match, and glue the pieces at the bottom of the page to those on top to create six different palindromes. Challenge students to think of palindrome names, such as *Bob*, *Ava*, *Anna*, or *Otto*, and record these at the bottom of the page.



## Literature LINK

### Too Hot to Hoot

by Marvin Terban (Houghton Mifflin, 1985)

What do you call a firecracker that doesn't explode? A “dud.” Find this and other palindrome riddles in this clever book. Share the book and then assign each student a palindrome. Challenge students to create a riddle based on the examples in the book and to share it with classmates. For more fun with palindromes, share *Go Hang a Salami! I'm a Lasagna Hog!* by Jon Agee (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 1992).

## Answers

deed      peep  
toot      sees  
noon      Anna



Invite students to create their own palindrome puzzles! Have them write four- or six-letter palindromes on index cards and cut them apart. Mix them up, place them at a center, and invite students to rebuild the palindromes.

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# Mix-and-Match Dictionary

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## Palindrome Puzzles

Rebuild each palindrome by matching  
the bottom pieces to the top.

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Can you think of any names that are palindromes?

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