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- ▶ the word starts with 'm'
- ▶ the word has 3 letters
- ▶ the word has 2 syllables
- ▶ the word has a long 'e' sound
- ▶ it's a compound word
- ▶ it's a word that means the opposite of **last**

and	animal	because	another
ball	big	crash	community
can	friend	eating	discover
day	have	make	everybody
fun	look	outside	first
like	night	really	question
play	said	school	recycle
see	talk	sometimes	terrible
the	thing	truck	usually
up	your	writing	weather

Easily differentiated to be responsive to your students' varied abilities & needs.  
Can be adapted to use with vocabulary words from across the curriculum,  
and extended to a literacy centre/station – Portable Personalized Word Wall Folders.

[Balanced Literacy Diet – Word Wall I Spy](#)

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## The Building Blocks of Literacy Learning



The goal is for students to...

- be enthusiastic explorers of words:
  - ★ puzzle out letter–sound relationships
  - ★ see patterns
  - ★ take words apart
  - ★ investigate meanings
- connect to words in an active way
- expand their reading and writing powers

Students learn HOW TO LEARN aspects of words, and develop efficient and powerful word–solving strategies

Adapted from The Fountas & Pinnell Phonics, Spelling, and Word Study System – Fountas & Pinnell

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## Sources

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- Phonics Activities & Games Kit – Blevins & Sadler School
- Phonics From A–Z – Blevins
- Shifting the Balance – Burkins & Yates
- Units of Study in Phonics – Calkins
- Units of Study in Writing – Calkins
- Literacy Lessons Part Two – Clay
- Comprehension Skill, Will & Thrill of Reading – Fisher & Frey
- The Fountas & Pinnell Phonics, Spelling, and Word Study System – Fountas & Pinnell
- When Readers Struggle: Teaching That Works – Fountas & Pinnell
- Word Matters: Teaching Phonics and Spelling in the Reading/Writing Classroom – Fountas & Pinnell
- Lesley University Institute: Word Study: Teaching Phonics, Vocabulary, and Spelling in Grades K–3
- Phonemic Awareness: The skills that they need to help them succeed! – Heggerty
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[The Big Five: Phonics–Orthographic Mapping – Wooldridge](#)

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[Worry About Yourself](#)

[TED Talk – Birth of a Word](#)

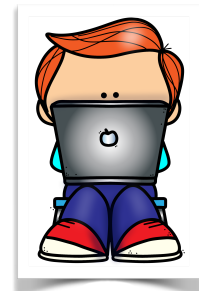
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[Miles Music Kid on TikTok](#)



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