



Story Star Countdown

Theme: Winter

Phonics Focus: NK Blends

READ: *Hank Plays Ice Hockey* by Melanie Joyce

Have your child read aloud to you, reading the words they can while you help with challenging new words. Encourage them to solve unfamiliar words using the patterns they know, as well as use the pictures for more detail. Learning to read is all about building your toolkit of known words and sounds!

Extension Activity:

Work through the included activities at your child's pace. They should be challenged, but not frustrated, and these activities do not need to be done in one sitting. Directions are included for each activity. If your child has trouble, that's okay! You can help them, just try not to give them the answer. They should be doing most of the work.

READ: *I'm Going to Build a Snowman* by Jashar Awan

Read this book to your child. If able, let them read to you, or take turns. Along the way, talk with your child about what is happening and how they feel about the story. Ask questions like: why do you think the character did that? How would you solve this problem? What is the story trying to teach us? What was your favorite part of the story? All questions are good questions.

WRITE and DRAW: What is the best thing to do on a snow day?

You can use notebook paper or the writing templates provided on our website. As your child writes, let them get their full thought down on paper before you correct anything. This is how they become a writer! As they spell, encourage them to use the rules they know. This is called invented spelling. Even if it doesn't look like what an adult would write, they are still practicing their phonics. Illustrations are always welcome!

The

-ank

family

Name: _____

Word Building

Put the letters together to make the -ank sound.

1. pl + ank = _____



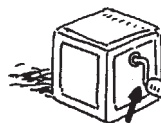
2. b + ank = _____



3. t + ank = _____



4. cr + ank = _____



Sentence Fill-ins

Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page. Glue them in the correct squares to finish each sentence.

I ank a glass of chocolate milk.

Fill in the ank space with a word.

She gave the rope a ank.

The cheese ank, but tasted great.

y bl st dr

Word Scramble

Unscramble each word. Write it on the line.

nkpla _____

ankdr _____

ankb _____

ktans _____

ktan _____

bklan _____

canrk _____

nkya _____

Word Search

Find and circle each word from the word bank.

p r m b i n a t a n k i o h r s t a n k
c k l b n k d r a n k r n a r t y j h j
i l r b l a n k r i o n a c r a n k e w
k a y a n k i b k r c a r n k y u r k n
n k r n a f l a n k i c y x r p l a n k
u r k n a k b a n k r n i s a n k v a k

Word Bank

bank plank
blank sank
crank stank
drank tank
flank yank

More -ank Words

Write a sentence using one of the -ank family words.

The

-ink

family

Name: _____

Word Building

Put the letters together to make the -ink sound.

1. s + ink =



2. w + ink =



3. dr + ink =



4. l + ink =



Sentence Fill-ins

Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page. Glue them in the correct squares to finish each sentence.

He goes skating at the ink.

We use our brains to ink.

Those skunks in our yard ink.

Her favorite color is ink.

p r s t th

Word Scramble

Unscramble each word. Write it on the line.

s i k n _____

r n k i _____

k n w i _____

h k i n t _____

d k n r i _____

n s t k i _____

n l i k _____

k i n p _____

Word Search

Find and circle each word from the word bank.

s p x f h t h i n k t h f s t i n k y l
r e p i n k s p x f h s i n k t h c h f
t h f w i n k u y v b j k c h b n k i y
d r i n k s p b j k h s h r i n k t h f
u y v b j k b l s l i n k t h f l i n k
k b n k j k t h f r i n k s p x f n k h

Word Bank

drink sink
link slink
pink stink
rink think
shrink wink

More -ink Words

Write a sentence using one of the -ink family words.

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Name: _____

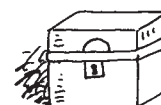
Word Building

Put the letters together to make the -unk sound.

1. sk + unk =



2. tr + unk =



3. b + unk =



4. s + unk =



Sentence Fill-ins

Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page. Glue them in the correct squares to finish each sentence.

She made a slam unk at the game.

May I have a unk of candy?

This shirt is too small. It unk.

The skunk sprayed. The air unk.

shr st d ch

Word Scramble

Unscramble each word. Write it on the line.

ntrku

nkbu

uhcnk

knsrhu

knksu

uskn

trkun

nskut

Word Search

Find and circle each word from the word bank.

m n s k u n k s p x h h u n k s p x f h
h k v b l t r u n k k m n u y i c n b h
k n k m s u n k s p x f h b u n k k m n
u y c h b l s t u n k s p k x f h n j k
k j u n k t h f d u n k k m p x n k m n
m n c h u n k u y c h l c h s h r u n k

Word Bank

bunk shrunk

chunk skunk

dunk stunk

hunk sunk

junk trunk

More -unk Words

Write a sentence using one of the -unk family words.
