



Word Force

FREE DIGITAL LESSONS



Build a Strong Foundation for Literacy

We're proud to announce a new and refreshed Word Force course with more direct instruction videos & adaptive pathing for students who need more guidance in the course! Developing strong literacy skills at an early age helps students reach their full potential, generating long-term benefits like lower risk of grade retention, increased graduation rates, and improved earning power later in life. As the commander of the WORD Force, a motley group of superheroes, students will develop a strong foundation in key beginning reading skills.

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE MADE EASY

Confident Practice - Energize independent practice time through scaffolded skill-building and consistent, timely feedback for each student.

Easy to Implement - Aligned to state and national standards with real-time reports on students' mastery; these games fit in seamlessly with established literacy curriculum and practice.

Engaging to All Learners - With fun characters and a silly "save the world" storyline, learners of all abilities feel empowered and, more importantly, joyful along their literacy journey.

Actionable Data - Score reports aligned to the literacy subskills highlight learners' growth over multiple attempts and give educators important insight into their learners' strengths and areas for improvement.



Grade Level: K-2

Total Lessons: 15 games with 5 levels each

Game Length: 8-10 minutes per level

Standards Alignment: CCSS ELA K-12 and State-Based English Language Arts Standards



Students choose their sidekick to help them through the learning experience.

"I used Word Force this year to help my students with reinforcing phonics. Students started to ask to be on Word Force more than what I had planned. Not only that but collaboration between students was higher than ever. I was able to teach them how to help each other with phonics. I watched how they worked together to learn. They enjoyed and bragged every time they got to open a new area. Word Force has been FANTASTIC this year. Even my high-level students not only enjoyed it but got a better understanding with larger words."

— Stephanie M., Second Grade Teacher, Dallas, TX

Skill Focus Areas

1. Phonological Awareness

Students will gain confidence in their ability to identify and manipulate sound structures (e.g., rhyme, individual speech sounds) in spoken words.

2. Letter-Sound/Letter Name Matching

Students will match printed consonants and vowels, consonant digraphs (e.g., ch), and blends (e.g., sk) with their corresponding speech sound(s).

3. Word Building

Using phonics knowledge, students will build phonetically regular and irregular words at the onset-rime (e.g., r+ake = rake) and letter (e.g. c+a+t = cat) levels that include short and long vowel sounds, digraphs (e.g., ea, ck), diphthongs (e.g., igh), and consonant blends (e.g., fr).

4. Vocabulary

Students will develop automaticity in their ability to decode, recognize, and use low and high frequency phonetically regular and irregular words, which will support vocabulary growth.

5. Reading Fluency

Interactive, informational text e-books about a variety of topics (e.g., social-emotional skills) and that feature diverse populations and read-aloud capability will facilitate vocabulary expansion and reading fluency development.

4. Reading Comprehension

Students will use knowledge of phonics, grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary, and reading fluency to facilitate text comprehension.

LESSON ACTIVITIES:

Sprouting Sounds



Veggie Village



Raise-A-Rhyme



Science of Reading Alignment

WORD Force games and resources incorporate practice in skills promoted by the science of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, reading fluency, and reading comprehension (National Reading Panel, 2000).

The embedded instructional support and developmental scope and sequence in WORD Force align with how children learn literacy skills best: through explicit, systematic instruction (National Reading Panel, 2000).

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