

THE TRACTOR SQUAD

ACTIVITY KIT

With answer keys
(Recommended ages: 6-8, Gr: 1-3)

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2 STORIES
IN 1 BOOK





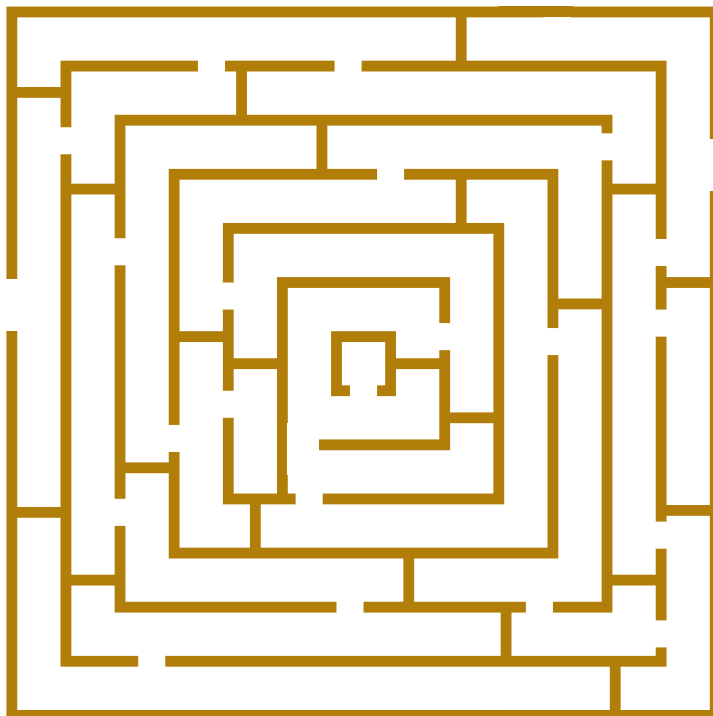
1. Can you find all the farmyard friends?

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W	K	G	M	S	Q	G	O	A	T	R
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- CHICKEN HEN FARM
- SHEEP MOUSE MICE
- GOAT SKUNK BARN
- PIG COW KITTEN
- DOG BEE CAT
- HORSE TRACTOR



2. Oops! Tractor was out hauling grain and lost his way. Can you help the tractor get back to the barn?





3. WORD LADDER

Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the **bottom** and climb to the top.



SNOW DAY FUN

Without cost.
Take away two letters,
then add one.

What you do with a ball.
Add two letters.

Right this minute.
Take away one letter.

To investigate or look
around.
Change one letter.

To turn water into ice.
Add two letters.

A number.
Change two letters.

Line up in a _____.
Change one letter.

Something you see in
winter.
Take away two letters,
then add one,

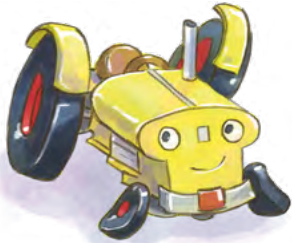
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4. BUSY VOWEL SQUADS

Directions: Just like tractors, sometimes vowels work as squads, too! Underline the vowel squad in each word. Read the word and then write it under the correct squad roster below.



rain	seat	feed	coat	leaky	train
oats	wait	raise	load	weed	toad
beans	groan	pain	wheat	wheel	beep
tree	goat	read	seeds	grain	leaf

Vowel Squad Rosters:

SQUAD /ai/	SQUAD /ea/	SQUAD /ee/	SQUAD /oa/
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Challenge: Can you find the words that have beginning blends? Highlight them in the roster above and then fill in each beginning blend below.

___ ___ ain

___ ___ ain

___ ___ eat

___ ___ ee

___ ___ oan

___ ___ eel





5. SILENT e SQUADS

Directions: Silent e makes a vowel say its own name. Draw a line to connect the vowel and the silent e in each word. Read the word and then write it under the correct roster below.

hide	lake	pipe	rode	make	ride
nine	hose	prune	time	shake	hive
skate	broke	phone	blade	tube	cute

Silent e Squad Rosters

SQUAD /a _ e/	SQUAD /i _ e/	SQUAD /o _ e/	SQUAD /u _ e/
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Challenge: Oh no! The silent e squads aren't even. Can you think of other words that could join the squads? Write the words on the correct team roster above.

BONUS! Read *The Tractor Squad* a second time. As you read, clap whenever you hear a word with a **silent e**.





6. READ & DISCUSS: THE TRACTOR JIG

1. What types of jobs do the tractors do in winter?
2. What do the tractors do when all the farmwork is done?

WRITE: Make a list of jobs that you do at home or at school. Rank them 1-5 from your least favorite to your most favorite.

READ & DISCUSS: TEN BUSY TRACTORS

1. Where did the tractors go when they were hurt or tired?
2. Who took care of the tractors when they broke down?



WRITE: Describe a time **when** you were sick or hurt. **What** happened? **Where** did you go? **Who** took care of you? **How** did you get better?





1.

S	F	B	A	R	N	J	H	B	D	T
W	K	G	M	S	Q	G	O	A	T	R
M	O	U	S	E	A	I	R	V	W	A
I	L	P	N	Y	F	C	S	H	A	C
C	H	T	Z	K	P	B	E	E	K	T
H	E	N	A	U	Q	N	X	D	I	O
I	M	R	S	H	E	E	P	A	T	R
C	O	W	K	P	M	E	Y	G	T	F
K	X	I	N	R	I	V	O	R	E	D
E	K	L	A	B	C	A	T	V	N	O
N	U	F	M	I	E	Z	R	P	I	G

3.

WORD LADDER

FREEZE

FREE

THREE

THROW

ROW

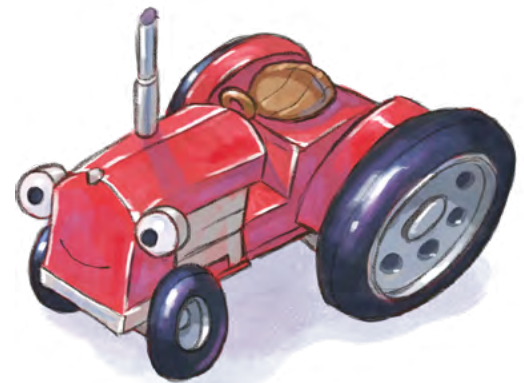
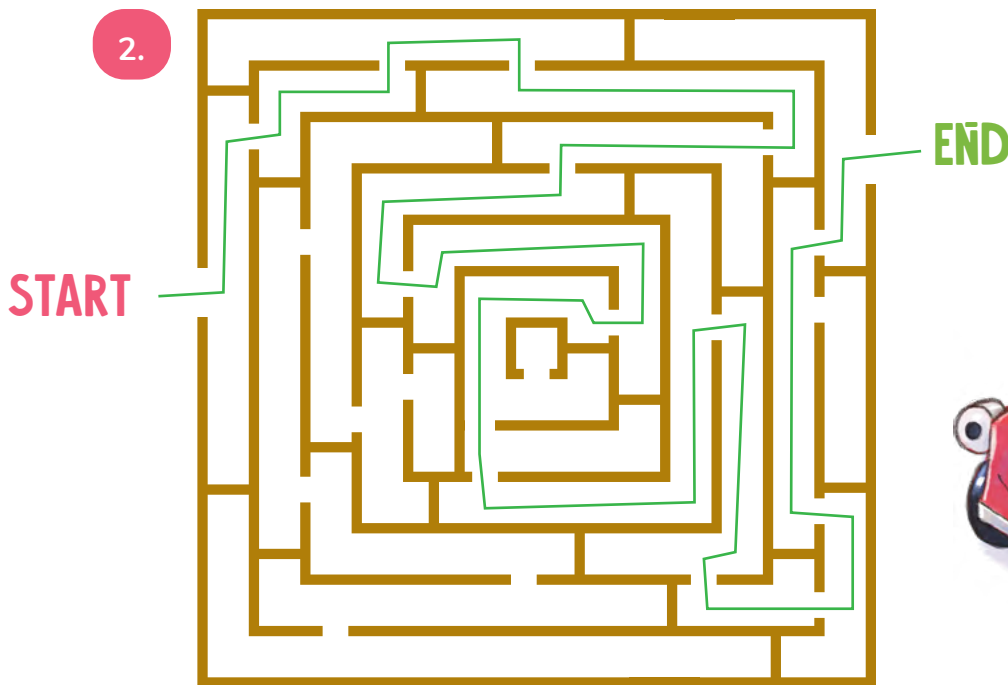
NOW

SNOW

SNOOP

SCOOP

2.





4. Busy Vowel Squad Answers

SQUAD ai	SQUAD ea	SQUAD ee	SQUAD oa
rain	read	seed	load
wait	wheat	seeds	goat
raise	leaky	weed	groan
grain	leaf	wheel	coat
train	beans	beep	oats
pain	seat	tree	toad

Challenge:

train

grain

wheat

tree

groan

wheel





5 Silent e Squads

hide lake pipe rode make ride
 nine hose prune time shake hive
 skate broke phone blade tube cute

Silent e Squad Rosters

SQUAD /a _ e/	SQUAD /i _ e/	SQUAD /o _ e/	SQUAD /u _ e/
lake	hide	rode	prune
make	pipe	broke	tube
shake	ride	phone	cute
skate	nine	hose	
blade	time		
	hive		



Challenge: Oh no! The Silent e Squads aren't even. Can you think of more words that can join the squads? Write the words onto the correct squad rosters above.

u_e options: cute, cube, rude, tune, use, mute, tube

o_e options: code, hope, note, bone, rose, zone, pole, hose, slope, stove, pole, cone

a_e options: same, brake, grade, late, save, snake, game, shape, cake

BONUS! Read The Tractor Squad a second time. As you read, clap whenever you hear a word with a Silent e.

Lake, make, shake, skates, blades, hide, pipe, ride, nine, time, hive, rode, broke, phoned, those



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READ & DISCUSS: THE TRACTOR JIG

What types of jobs do the tractors do in winter?

- Feed the chickens
- Round up the sheep
- Give the farmer a ride
- Scoop snow
- Stack hay bales

What do the tractors do when all the farmwork is done?

- The tractor jig (dance, wiggle)
- Have fun with their friends
- Stomp their wheels
- Go sledding
- Puff their stacks
- Shake their backs
- Raise their buckets



READ & DISCUSS: TEN BUSY TRACTORS

Who took care of the tractors when they broke down?

- Field mouse
- Farmer
- Farmyard friends (pig, chicken/hen, cow)

Where did the tractors go when they were hurt or needed to rest?

- The shed
- The farm

DID YOU ENJOY THE TRACTOR SQUAD?

Check out the second book in the series.

The Tractor Squad Saves the Day

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