### **Communication Services**



### **Home Practice Program for:**

Goal: To improve the ability to say the K sound.

### What to Expect:

- Improvement in speech takes time.
- Your child should be able to say the **K** sound first, then say words with the **K** sound in them, and then move to saying the **K** sound in sentences.
- After a lot of practice, you should begin to hear the K sound in your child's daily talking.



### When and How to Practice:

- The more often you practice the better!
- Practices should only last for 10 to 20 minutes.
- Colour the **Picture Cards** and pictures on the **Game Boards** as you say the words together; cut out the cards and play a game like 'Find two cards that are the same'; play a game using the game board; use the **Speech Games Calendar** activities for more practice ideas.
- Work practices into your daily activities, like finding K words while reading or walking to school.
- Remember to **Praise** often and be specific, e.g., "That was a great **K** sound!" or "You really tried hard on that one."

### How to Get Started and Tips for Making the K Sound:

### Step 1:

- Tell your child that you will be practicing making the **K** sound which is like a coughing sound "**KuhKuh**".
- To make this sound the tongue goes up at the back of the mouth and not the front. This can make this sound difficult to see; your child may need to be reminded to have an open mouth, and even to hold the tip of the tongue down using a finger as a reminder.

### Step 2:

- Have your child say some of the words on the picture cards.
- Move to playing games or using the Speech Games Calendar activities to practice saying the words with the **K** at the beginning of the word.
- Once this has been achieved, move to saying the words with the K sound at the end of the word, and then words with the K sound in the middle of the word.

### Step 3:

- Now that your child can easily make the **K** sound in words, practice using the words in sentences.
- You can use the same activities you used in Step 2 and 3, but have your child make sentences like, "I have two Cats." or "I really like to play with Cats."

# • After lots of practice with Steps 2-4, your child will finally be ready to use the K sound in daily talking . Step 4: Step 3: Use the sound in Daily Talking Sentences Make the Sound Words

### If your child has trouble saying a word, try these cues:

- Say the instructions for making the sound, as in "this sound is like a cough "KuhKuhKuh". Let's try this one together, "KKKow" (cow).
- It may help remind your child to make the sound at the back of his mouth by lightly tapping your throat with your fingers as you say the coughing sound "KuhKuhKuh".
- Put extra stress on your sound. For example, say "Cat " and really say the K sound loudly.
- Be specific when correcting your child, e.g. "Good try but you forgot your **K** sound in that word. I heard the **T-sound**. Let's try again".
- Take a break when your child needs it.

### Free on-line Resources for Speech Sounds and Literacy:

- Go to Starfall.com. Click on the ABCs section and choose the letter for your child's sound.
- Google Hamilton Public Library Tumblebooks for animated books, stories
  and activities. Your child can look at these books on their own and with
  you. Your child may also talk about the pictures in the story for more
  speech sound practice. Look for these book titles: "Caillou & Gilbert",
  "Caillou Tidies His Toys", "Casey & Derek on the Ice".
- Computer apps, websites, and online videos can make learning fun and engaging but do not replace the guidance of parents and professionals.
   Your encouragement and support will be the best way to help your child improve.



is fun!

### Have fun and remember change takes time and practice!

### **Private Speech-Language Services in Your Community**

Private speech and language services may be an option you would like to consider for your child. If you have extended health care benefits at work, you may want to check to see if you have coverage for speech and language services. Please let your school Speech-Language Pathologist know if you pursue private services as it is helpful to coordinate services provided by more than one Speech-Language Pathologist. Information regarding private Speech-Language Pathologists may be obtained through the following sources:

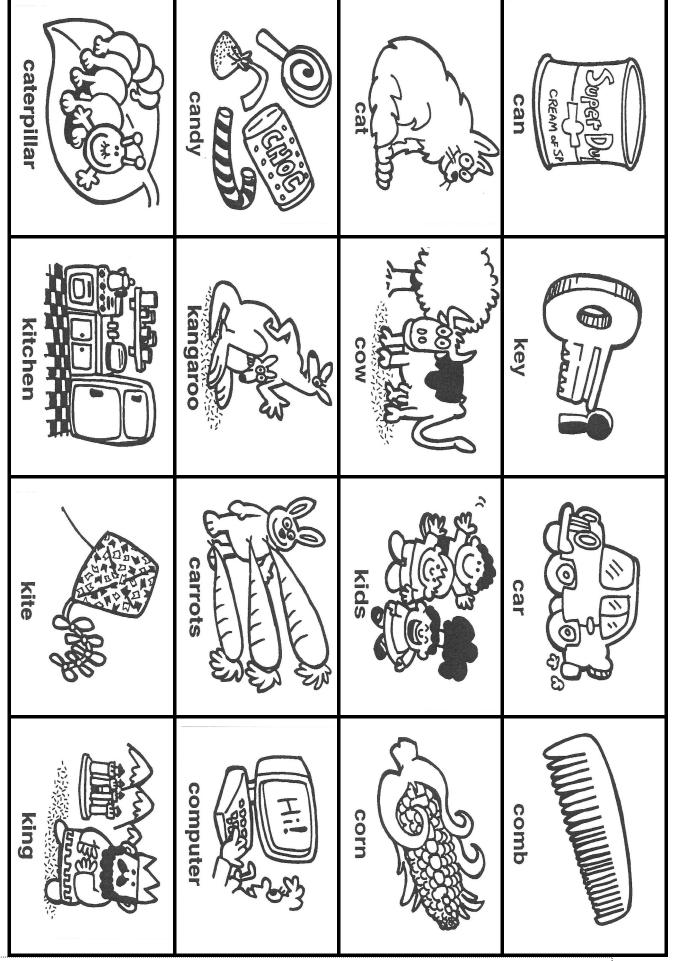
The Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (OSLA) 1-877-740-6009 www.osla.on.ca (Find a Practitioner)

Special Instructions for your child:			
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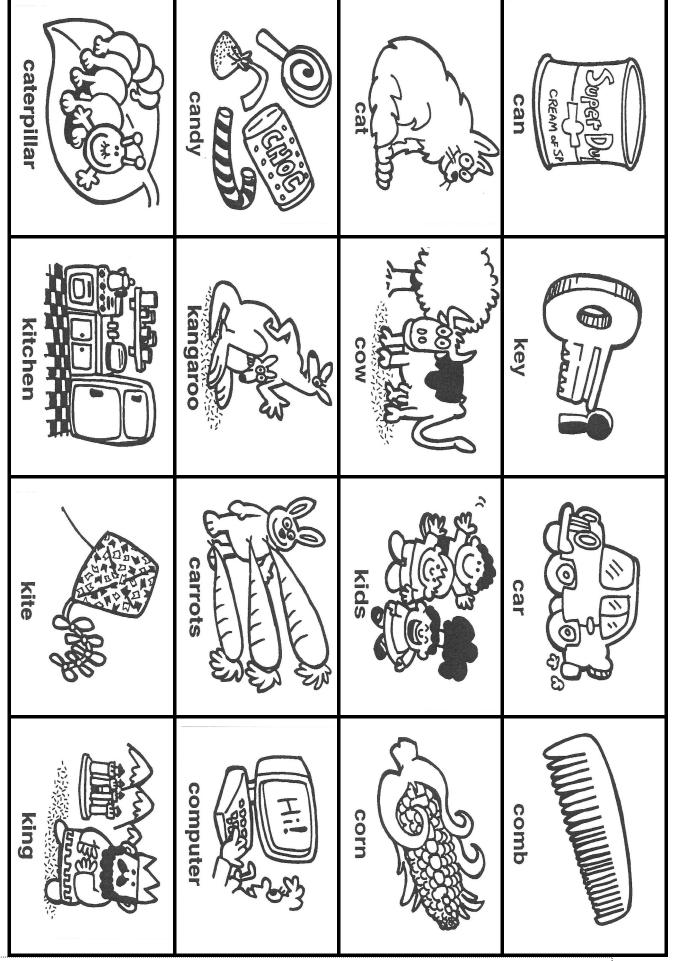
If you have any questions, please call your school Speech-Language Pathologist:

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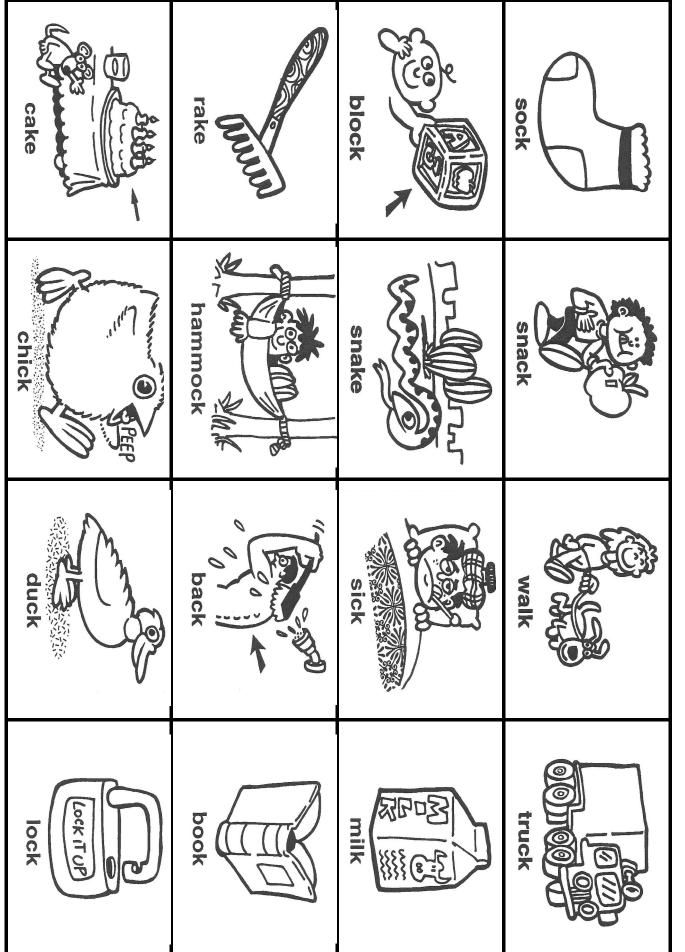
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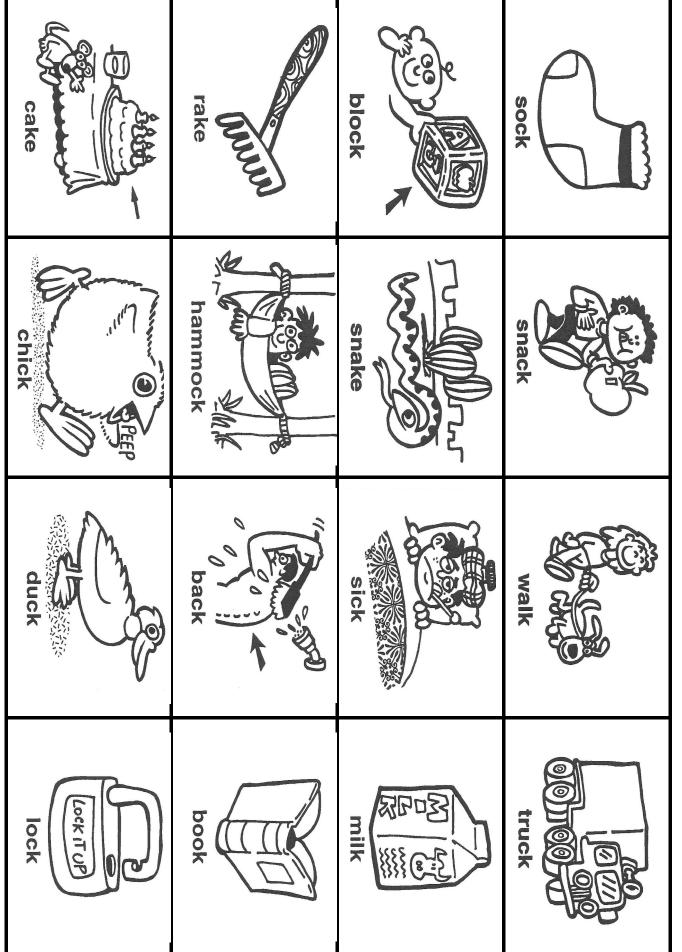
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# Picture cards for the K sound -at the end of the word



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### **Count the Kangaroos**

Have fun practicing words beginning with the K sound by playing Count the Kangaroos with a partner. Flip a coin to move 1 (heads) or 2 (tails) spaces. Say the K word as you land on each space.



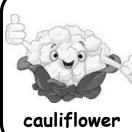
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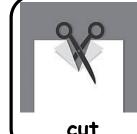






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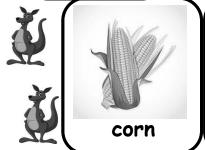


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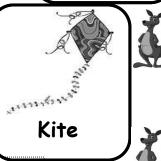


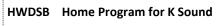


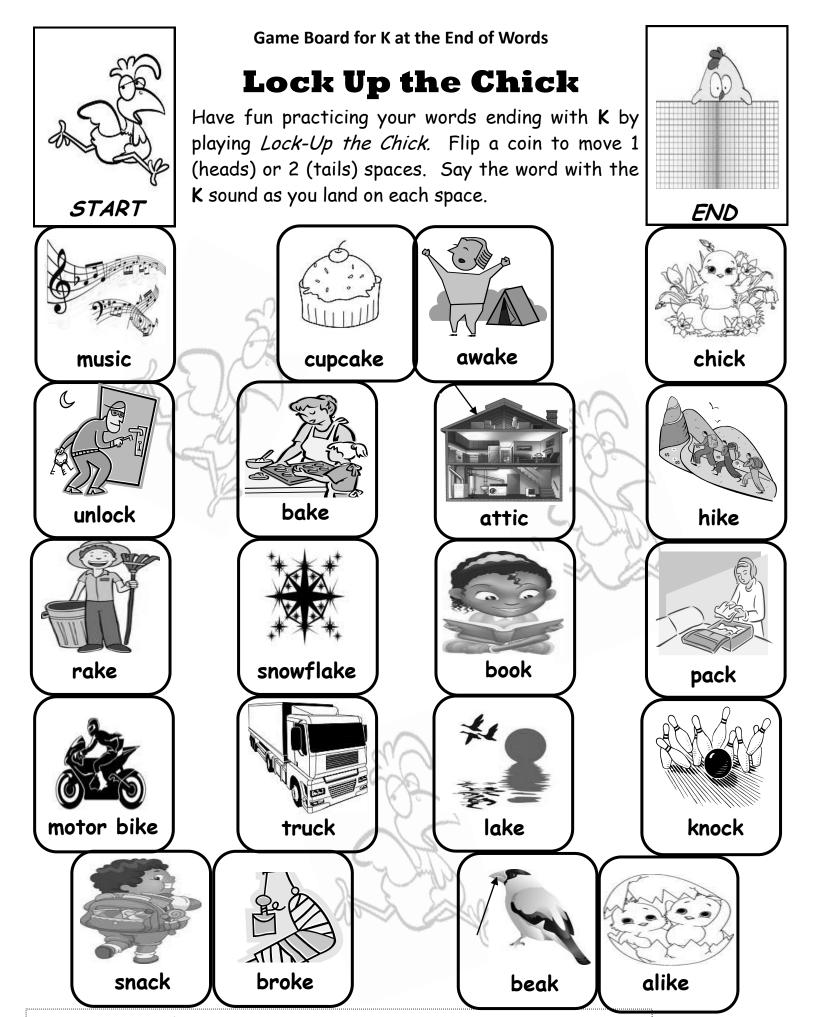












# START

Game Board for K in the Middle of Words

### **Kick the Soccer Ball**

Have fun practicing your words with **K** in the middle by playing *Kick the Soccer Ball*. Flip a coin to move 1 (heads) or 2 (tails) spaces. Say the word with the **K** sound as you land on each space.













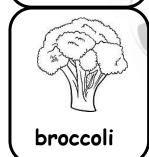


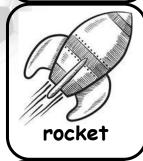




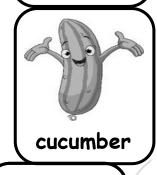
























HWDSB Home Program f	Clip your sound cards on clothespins. Line them up like bowling pins. Roll a ball and name the card that is knocked down.	Name 2 or more pictures from your sound cards and get a sticker or stamp for each.	Go on a treasure hunt for objects with your sound. Name each object you find.	Make a road using your sound cards. Name each word as you drive over it with a toy car.	Put your sound cards on the floor. Hop to each card and say the word.	Look at pictures in a book. Name pictures that start with your sound.	Put paperclips on your sound cards and place them on the table or floor. Use a magnet to lift them up. Name the card you lift up.
or K Sound	Choose a magic word of the week with your sound. Pick a word you would use often. Practice it throughout the week.	Tape pictures of words with your sound to the bath-room mirror. Say each word 10 times before brushing your teeth.	Make a placemat. Draw pictures with your sound on it. Before leaving the table, name all of the pictures.	Play a matching game with pairs of sound cards. Mix them up and put them face down on a table. Take turns choosing and naming 2 cards as you find the matched pairs.	Make a doorknob hanger using a piece of paper with a hole cut in it. Glue pictures with your sound on the paper. Hang it on the door. Say the words when you walk by.	While at the park or on a walk, name things that start with your sound.	Call a friend or family member. Tell them your sound and say ten words with your sound.
	Take turns saying the words on your sound cards. Give your child a puzzle piece, for each word named and finish the puzzle.	Place your sound cards around a room and turn off the lights. Use a flashlight to find the cards and name them.	At the grocery store, name all the foods with your sound.	Play 'Go Fish' or 'Memory' using pairs of your sound cards.	Play a listening game on the way to school. Say a word and ask your child if it started with his/her sound.	Create a 'Sound Box'. Find objects in your house that start with your sound. Say the words and fill the box.	While making a meal, name foods or things in the kitchen that start with your sound.
	Read a book together and help your child find words starting with your sound.	Play Tic-tac-toe with a partner using your sound cards. Place cards in a grid of 9 pictures. Use chips to mark your spot.	Cut out pictures in a flyer that start with your sound and name them.	Put sound cards in a bag. Have your child close his/her eyes, pick a card, and name it.	Play catch or basketball. For each throw, say a word with your sound.	Play your favourite board game. Before each turn, name 2-3 of your sound cards.	While <b>driving</b> find things that start with your sound. Have a contest to see who can find the most.
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