



What are Foldables?

Foldables are multi-dimensional graphic organizers that can be used for
in organizing

Dear Teacher,

A Foldable is a three-dimensional, student-made (and/or teacher-made) interactive graphic organizer based upon a skill. Making a Foldable gives students a fast, kinesthetic activity that helps them organize and retain information either before, during, or after reading. In this section of the *T a R B*, you will find instructions for making Foldables, as well as ideas on how to use them to reinforce and practice phonics, vocabulary, spelling, and comprehension skills.

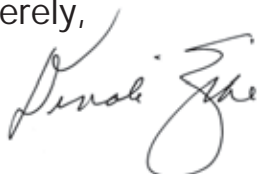


In this section, you will find Foldables to help you

- replace photocopied activity sheets with student-generated print
- present content and skills in a clear, visual, kinesthetic format
- incorporate the use of such skills as comparing and contrasting, recognizing cause and effect, and finding similarities and differences
- assess student progress and learning levels
- immerse students in new and previously learned vocabulary and reading skills
- teach students unique ways to make study guides and practice materials, and
- provide students with a sense of ownership in their learning.

I am excited to hand these Foldable ideas and activities over to you and your students. Have fun using, adding to, and amending them to meet individual needs.

Sincerely,



Creating and Storing Foldables™

As you use the Foldables outlined in this *T a R B*, discuss with students how they can adapt them to make their own Foldables learning and study aids. Teach students to write—titles, vocabulary words, concepts, skills, questions, main ideas—on the front tabs of their Foldables. By doing this, key concepts are viewed every time a student looks at a Foldable. Foldables help students focus on and remember the information presented without being distracted by other print. Remind students to write more specific information—supporting ideas, examples of a concept, definitions, answers to questions, observations—under the tabs.

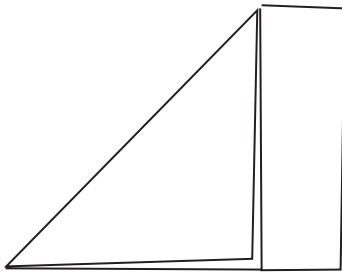
Turn one-gallon freezer bags into student portfolios and storage containers for Foldables.



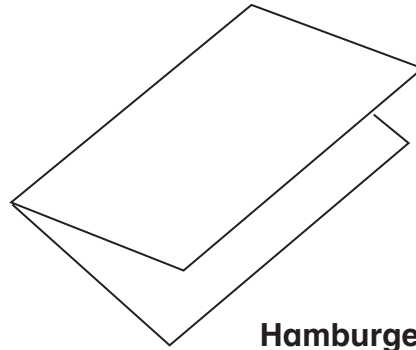
Basic Shapes

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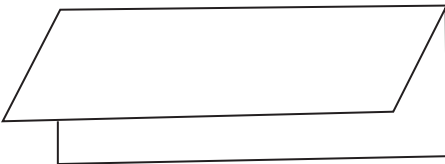
These figures illustrate the basic folds that are referred to throughout the following section of this book.



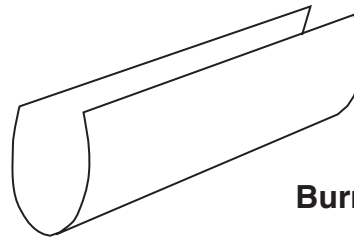
Taco Fold



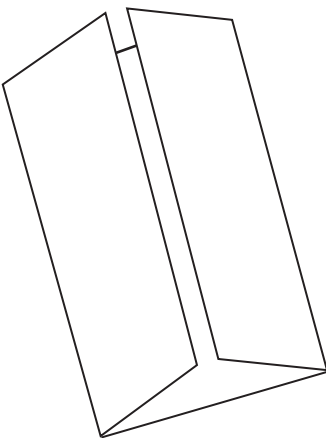
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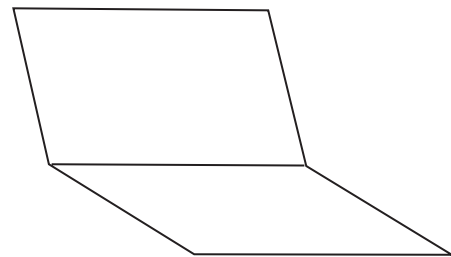
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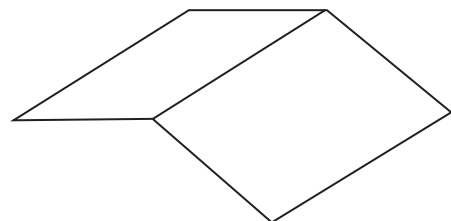
Burrito Fold



Shutter Fold



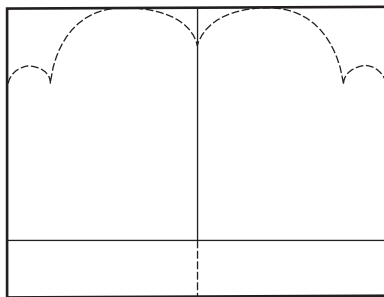
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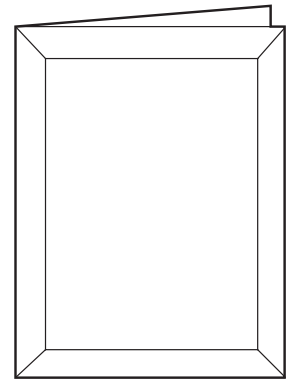
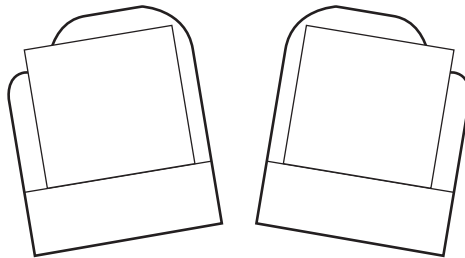
Mountain Fold

Foldables™ At a Glance

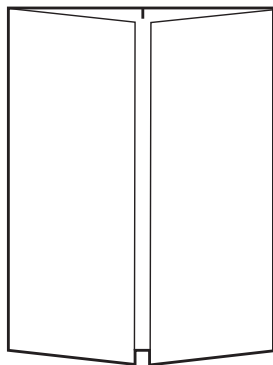
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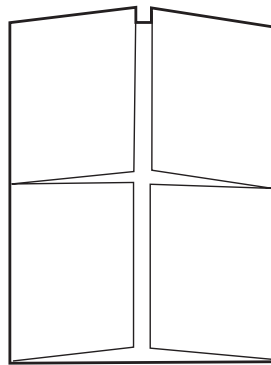
Answer Mitt Foldable



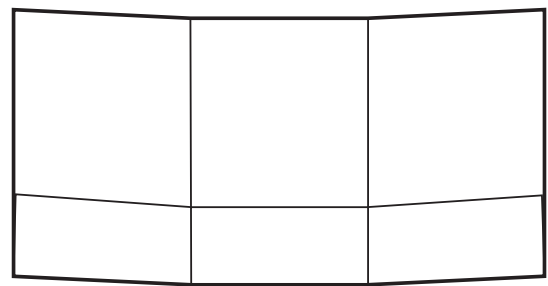
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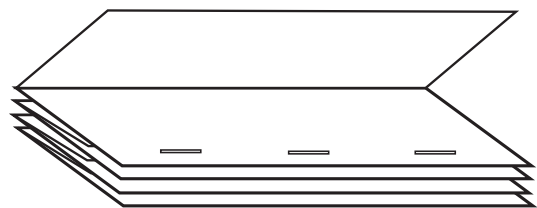
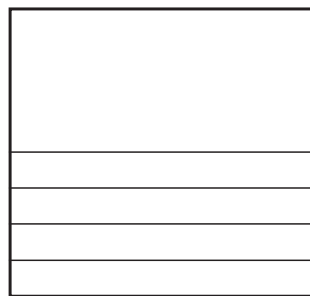
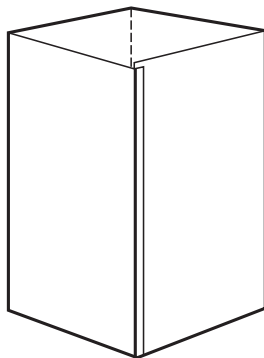
Shutter Foldable

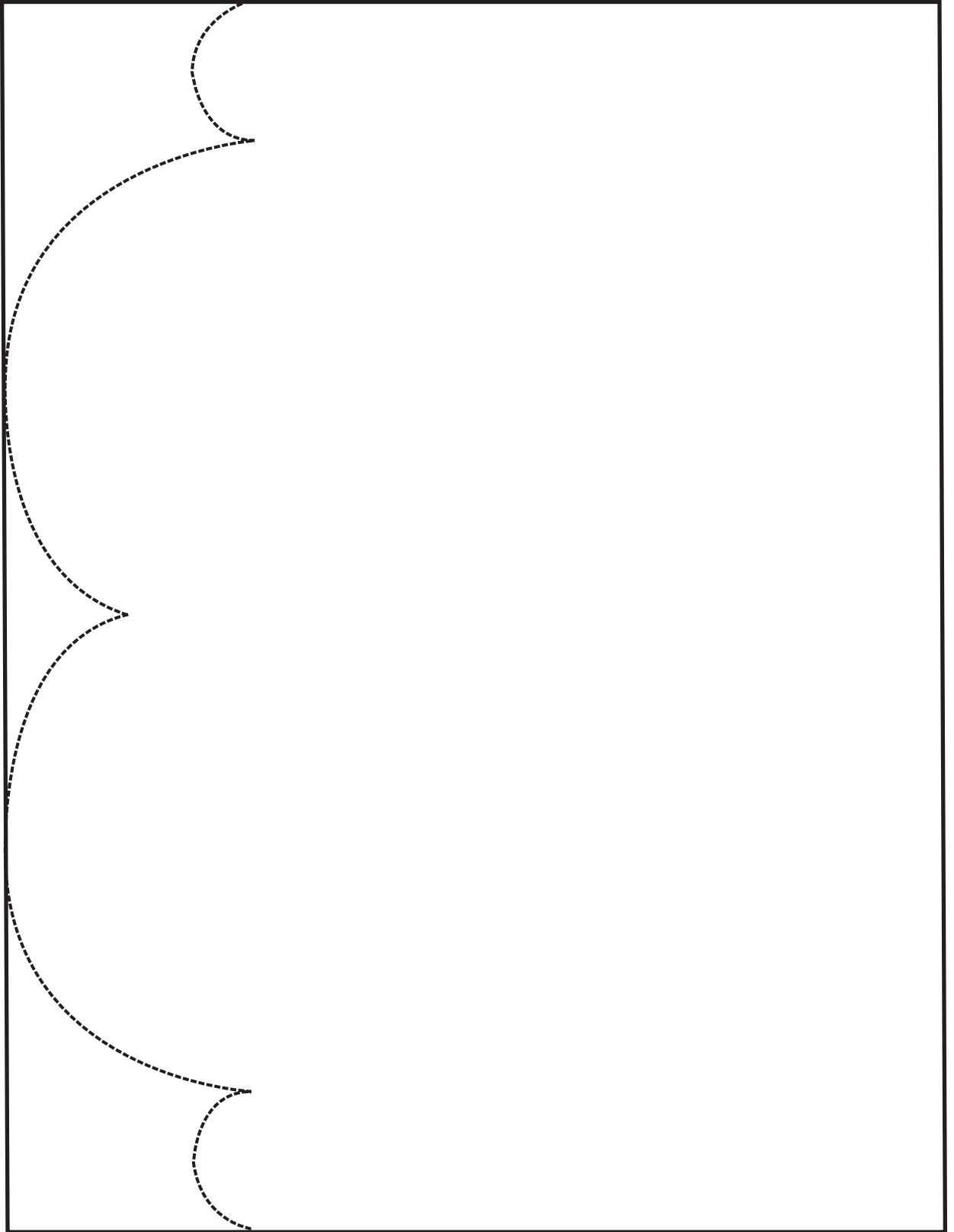


Four-Door Foldable

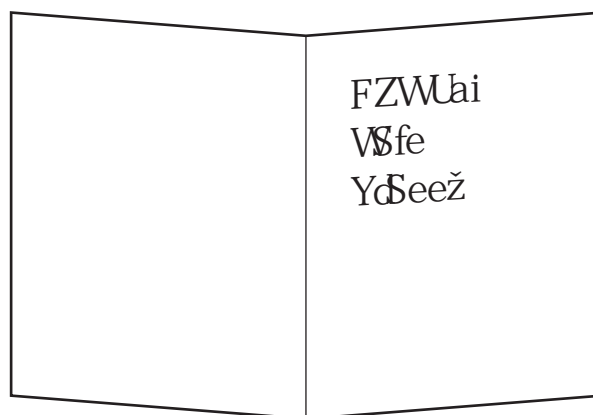


Pocket Foldable





Using the Picture Frame Foldable™



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Materials:

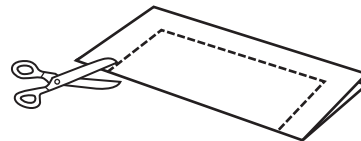
- one sheet of 8½" × 11" paper in a bright color
- one sheet of 11" × 17" paper
- scissors
- glue

Directions:

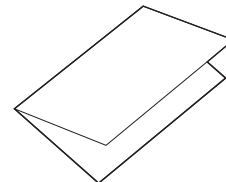
1. Fold the 8½" × 11" paper into a hot dog.



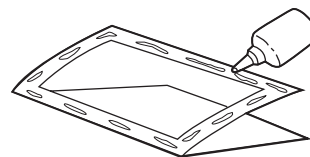
2. Starting at the fold, cut a frame shape (as illustrated). Set aside.



3. Fold the 11" × 17" paper into a hamburger.



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Using the Shutter Foldable™

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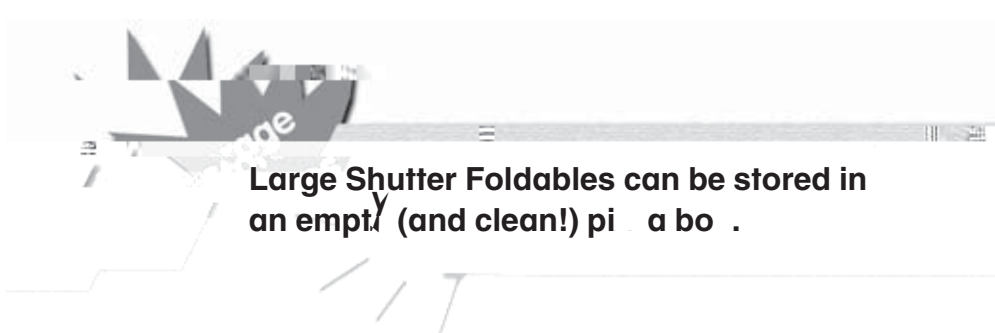
Phonemic Awareness/Phonics/Spelling Application

Use the Shutter Foldable to review contractions and compound words with students. The outside panels can be used to demonstrate the two parts of the word. Students can use the middle inside panel to write out the contraction or complete compound word.

Comprehension Application

There are many ways to use the Shutter Foldable to review and study comprehension skills. Larger paper can be used so that a small group or a class can create one of these for literacy study. Consider having students retell or summarize the story on the middle inside panel. Then have them use the outer panels to analyze the following:

- Facts and Opinions (for nonfiction)
- Cause and Effect
- Before and After
- Fantasy and Reality
- Pros and Cons (for persuasion)
- Problem and Solution
- Compare and Contrast
- Phonics for Primary Grades



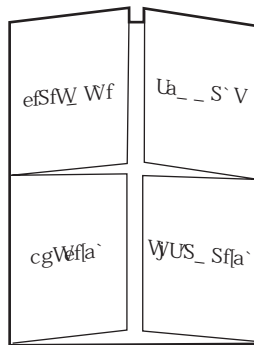
Large Shutter Foldables can be stored in an empty (and clean!) piñata box.

Using the Four-Door Foldable™

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Grammar Application

Use this Foldable for information occurring in four categories. Have students create study guides and review grammar concepts such as four types of sentences. They may label each door with a type of sentence, then define each type and provide an example inside each door.



Four-Door Foldable™ Directions

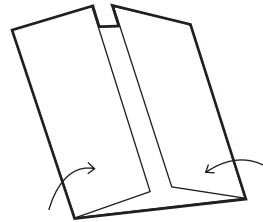
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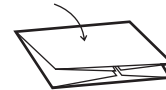
- sheet of 11" × 17" paper
- scissors

Directions:

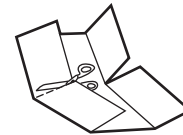
1. Make a shutter fold.



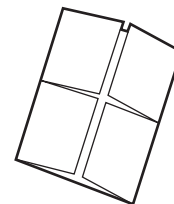
2. Fold the shutter fold in half like a hamburger. Crease well.



3. Open the folds and cut along the inside valley fold lines.



4. These cuts will form four doors on the inside of the book.



Use this Foldable to _____

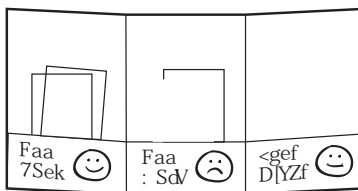
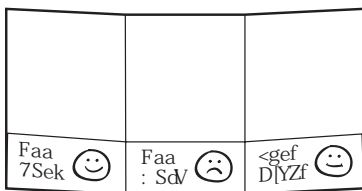
Using the Pocket Foldable™

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Vocabulary and Phonics/Spelling Applications

Have students use this Foldable as a study aid. Copies of word cards can be sorted and stored by students as they learn words.

Have students label the pockets as shown below. As they study the words, have them move the cards to the appropriate pockets.





Standing Cube Foldable™ Directions

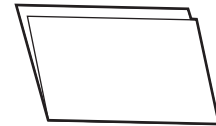
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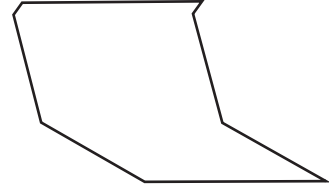
- two sheets of 11" × 17" paper
- glue

Directions:

1. Fold each sheet like a hamburger, but fold one side one-half inch shorter than the other side.



2. Fold the long side over the short side on both sheets of paper, making tabs.



Using the Layered Book Foldable™

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Vocabulary Application

Have students create this Foldable to help them review vocabulary words. Have them write a word on each tab and then flip the tab to write the definition. The same thing can be done with antonyms and synonyms.

Phonics/Spelling Application

A review/study guide of letter sounds and word parts can be done with this Foldable. For example:

- Vowels
- Prefixes and suffixes
- Base words
- Digraphs ()

Hai Wè
S
W
I
a
g

4SeW adVe
efch` Y
Se
Z YZ
e_ S^

Comprehension Application

Use the Foldable to aid in the following skills reinforcement:

- Character study (one tab per story character)
- Summarize/Retelling
- Generating and asking questions

5ZSdSUVdEfgVk
4 Y 4Vd
? VVW4Vd
E_ S^4Vd
9aV aU e

? afZWdfa F YVd
I Zk VV eZW V VWd
: ai VV eZWSdWdZVW 1
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Study Skills and Grammar Applications

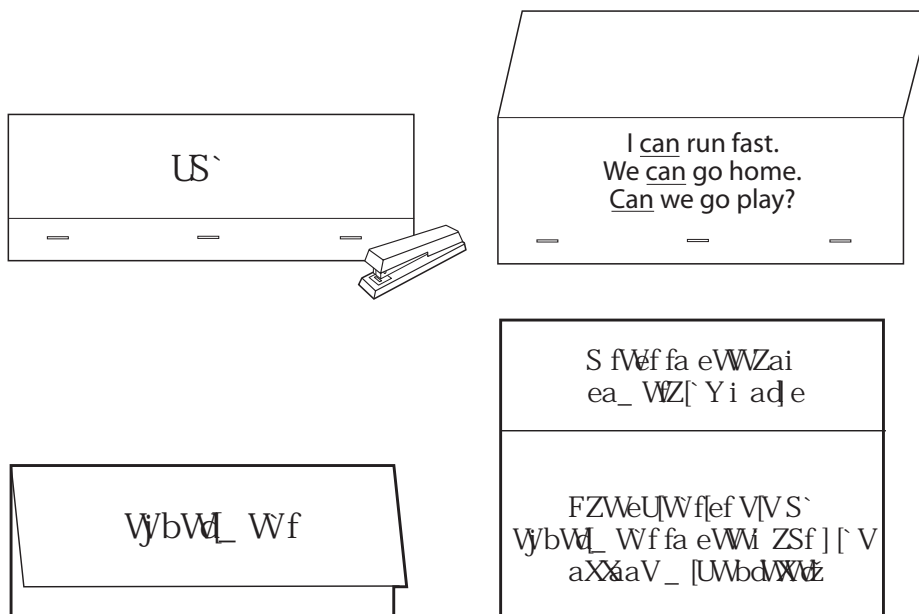
This Foldable can be used to review/reinforce concepts studied.

Using the Large Word Study Book Foldable™

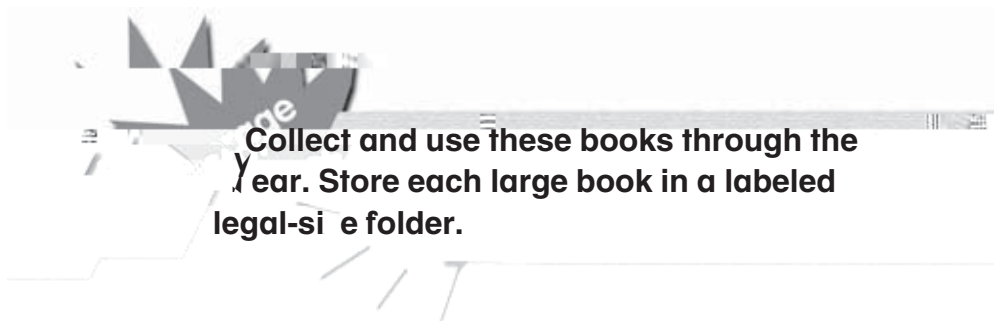
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Vocabulary and Phonics/Spelling Applications

With a small group, make a Foldable for vocabulary word study/review. Display the book in a workstation for repeated review. The size and the format also make it easy for you and students to use them as lap flashcards.



Students can make individual books using this Foldable.



Using the Matchbook Foldable



Matchbook Foldable™ and Portfolio Directions

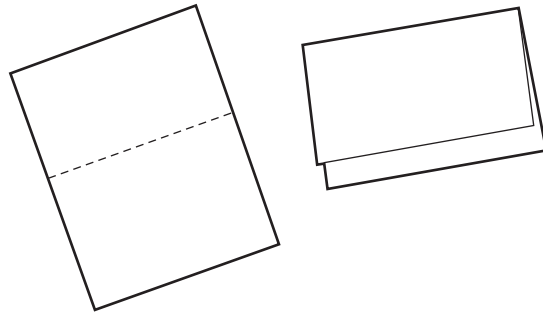
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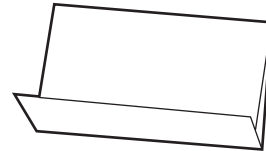
- several sheets of 8½" × 11" paper
- poster board
- scissors
- glue

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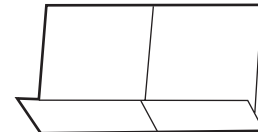
1. Fold each sheet like a hamburger, but fold it so that one side is one inch longer than the other side.



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2. Fold the one-inch tab over the short side to form an envelope-like fold.



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3. Fold each hamburger in half. Cut along the fold line.

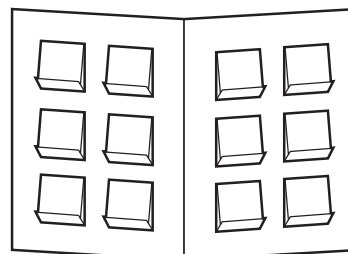


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4. Grades K-1: After the content has been added to the front and inside, post the Foldable on a bulletin board.

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5. Grades 2-6: Fold the poster board like a hamburger.



6. Use the small hamburgers to record information. Glue them onto the inside of the poster board.



Using the T o- and Three-Tab Foldable™

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Phonics/Spelling Application

Several options adapt this Foldable for prefix, base word, and suffix study and practice.

Use the Three-Tab Foldable to help students with word parts and

Using the Two- and Three-Tab Foldable™ *continued*

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Comprehension Application

Use large poster board and choose a vertical or horizontal orientation to adapt the Three-Tab Foldable. Use it to create the following graphic organizers:

Two- and Three-Tab Foldables™ Directions

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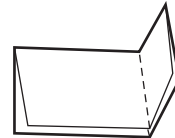
- one 8½" × 11" sheet of paper or large poster board
- scissors

Directions:

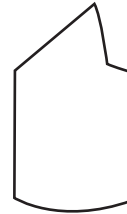
1. Fold the sheet like a hot dog.



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2. With the paper horizontal and the fold of the hot dog at the top, fold the right side toward the center, to cover one half of the paper.



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3. Fold the left side over the right side to make three sections.



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4. Open the right and left folds. Place one hand between the two thicknesses of paper and cut up the two valleys so there are three tabs.

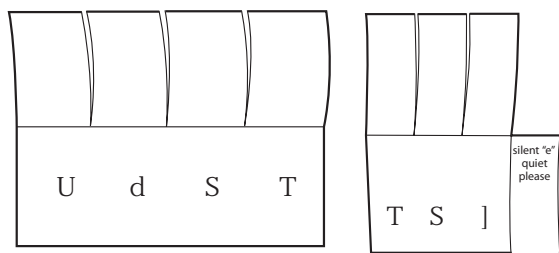
Options:

Using the Four- and Eight-Tab Foldable™

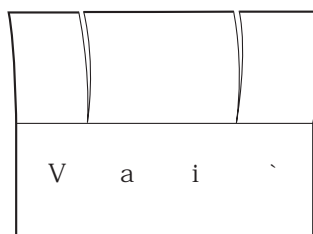
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Phonics/Spelling Application

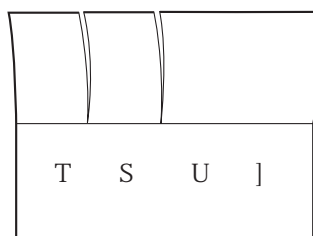
Adapt the Four-Tab Foldable to review digraphs, blends, and vowel variant letter-sounds. Open the tabs and write a CCVC or CVCe word on the bottom paper so that one letter is shown in each box. Have students practice blending, decoding, and identifying words.



Another option is to make the Foldable with three tabs. At step 3 (see page 34), cut only the first and the third creases so that the middle tab is twice the size of the other two tabs. Open all three tabs and write a word with a vowel digraph or a CVVC word on the bottom paper so that one letter is shown in each box and so that the middle two letters will be hidden by the middle tab.



Or, cut only the first and second tabs and write a word that ends with double letters or the digraph-ck.



Four- and Eight-Tab Foldable™ Directions

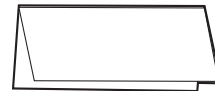
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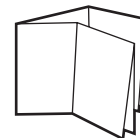
- one 8½" × 11" sheet of paper
- scissors
- a* *Ta* *a*
- another 8½" × 11" sheet of paper
- one large sheet of construction paper
- glue

Directions:

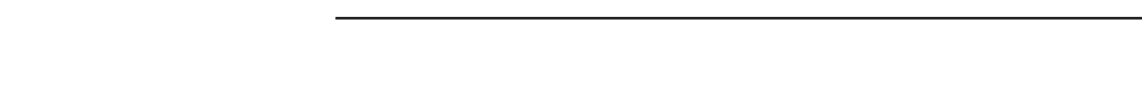
1. Fold a sheet of paper into a hot dog.



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2. With the paper horizontal and the fold of the hot dog at the top, fold the hot dog into four vertical sections.



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3. Open these folds. Place one hand between the folded hot dog and cut up the three fold lines so there are four tabs.



Using the Accordion Book Foldable™

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Vocabulary/Vocabulary Strategy Application

Use the Accordion Book Foldable to create vocabulary concept books for topics such as:

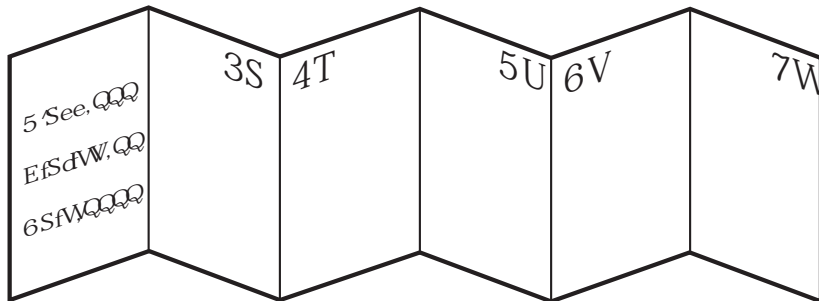
- Shapes
- Colors
- Position words
- Number words
- Word categories (such as food words, weather words, etc.)

This Foldable can also be used to create vocabulary books that record examples and explanations on topics such as:

- word parts
- prefixes and suffixes
- using context clues
- using a dictionary

Phonemic Awareness/Phonics Application

Use the accordion book to create a letter-sound book or an alphabet book. The book can also be used to collect and share single letter-sound examples.



Accordion Book Foldable™ Directions

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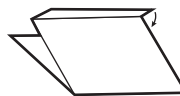
- several sheets of 11" × 17" paper
- glue

Directions:

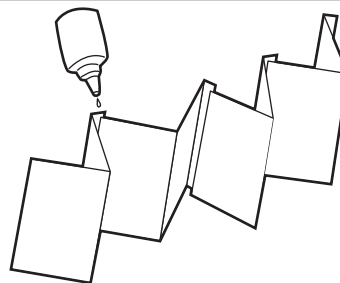
1. Fold each sheet of paper like a hamburger, but fold one side half an inch shorter than the other side. This will form a tab that is half an inch long.



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2. Fold this tab forward over the shorter side, then fold it back away from the shorter piece of paper. (In other words, fold it the opposite way.)



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3. To form an accordion, glue a straight edge of one section into the valley of another section's tab.



Before gluing, stand the sections on end to form an accordion. This will help you see how to glue the sections together. Use different colors of paper to indicate sections

Using the Pyramid Foldable™

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Use this Foldable with data occurring in threes.

Vocabulary Application

The Pyramid Foldable can be used to sort and review concepts studied. For example, review three different inflectional endings (, , or , ,).

Phonics/Spelling Application

Students can sort words into three categories. Some examples:

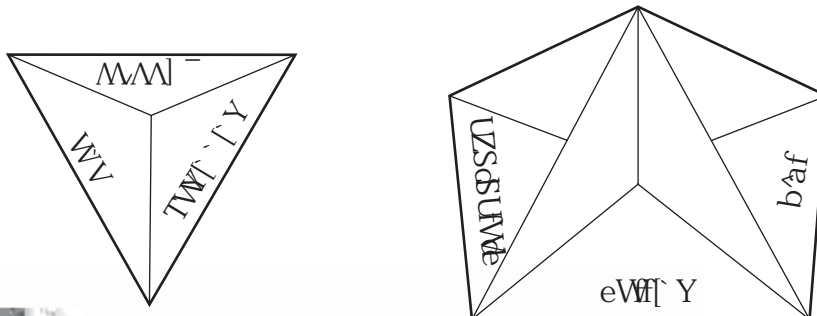
- Short vowels (*a*) or long vowels (*a*)
- Blends () or consonant digraphs
- Inflected endings (, , or *a*)

Comprehension Application

Not only can students use the pyramid to record information about what they read, they can do it in a few different ways. With one pyramid they can do things such as the following:

- Compare three different story characters
- Create a K-W-L chart
- Record information about story beginning, middle, and end

Students can glue together three pyramids to create small dioramas depicting scenes (from fiction) and concepts (from nonfiction).



Several pyramids can be strung together and hung from the ceiling for a vertical display.

Pyramid Foldable™ Directions

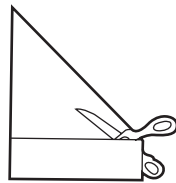
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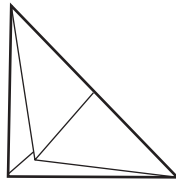
- one 8½" × 11" sheet of paper
- scissors
- glue

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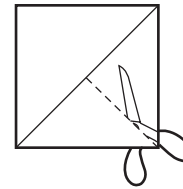
1. Fold the sheet into a taco. Cut off the excess rectangular tab formed by the fold.



2. Open the folded taco and refold it like a taco the opposite way to create an X-fold.



3. Cut one of the valleys to the center of the X, or the midpoint, and stop. This forms two triangular flaps.



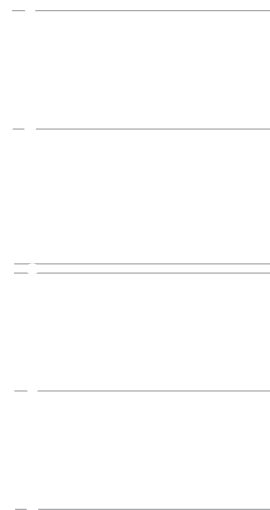
4. Glue one of the flaps under the other, forming a pyramid.

Use this Foldable to _____

Using Folded Tables and Charts

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Depending upon the amount of data, the table or chart can be adapted and reformatted.



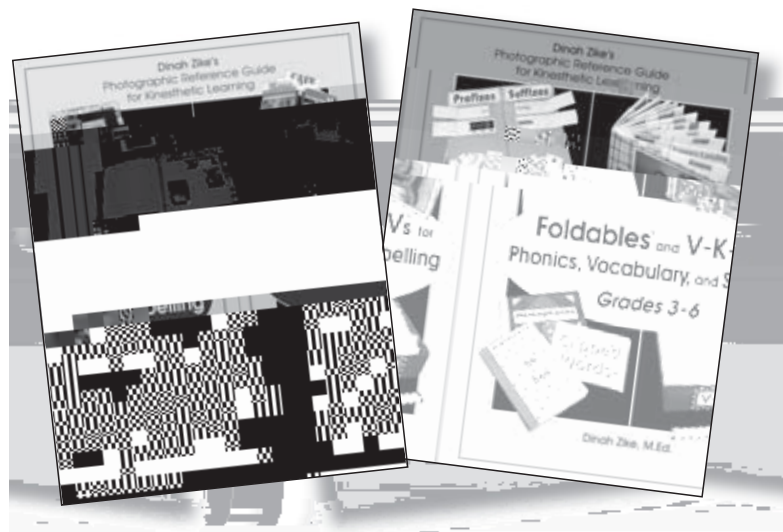
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