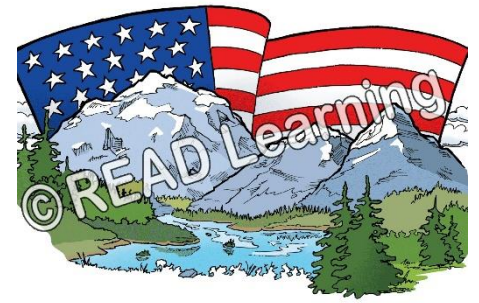


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➔ Fill in the missing words to complete the spelling rule.

Need a hint? Here's a word bank.

multi open unaccented



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Watch out! This is for _____ syllables.

➔ Guided Practice

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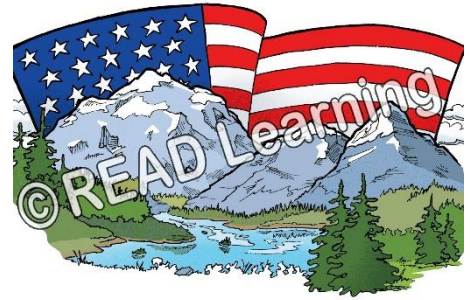
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<u>Pan</u> da	yes!	Canada	
Magma		Tummy	
Exam		Umbrella	
Ago		Quota	
Baby		Privacy	
Menu		Picnic	
Aroma		Shamrock	



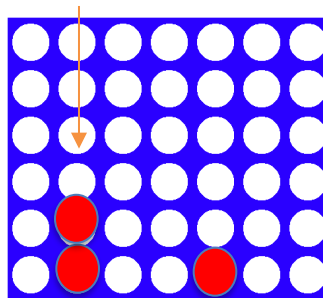
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Instructor-Guided Practice

→ Connect 4 Game Instructions



- **Set up:** Choose two colored markers to fill in circles on the gameboard. You may choose to put the gameboard in a page protector and use dry erase markers or use counters so that you can reuse the gameboard! Place the draw card pile face-down on the table.
- **Game Play:** Player 1 draws a card and reads the word out loud (watch out for schwa!). If the word is read correctly, Player 1 may place a token on the gameboard by coloring in the circle. Tokens must “slide” all the way down to the bottom of the column and stack on top of each other like this:

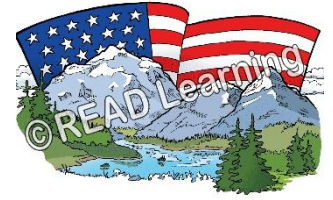


The card is discarded, and Player 2 gets to draw a card. If a player gets the question wrong, the other player gets to “steal” and place a token on the board! Four tokens in a row win! (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal)

- **Special Cards:** There are some special cards in the deck. If you draw “*Skip*,” your turn passes to the other player right away. If you draw “*Double Up*,” you get to place 2 tokens for that turn!
- **Disagreements:** If you cannot agree on the correct way to read a card, players may consult the answer key. If there is still a disagreement, that card is skipped, and the player may draw a new card.

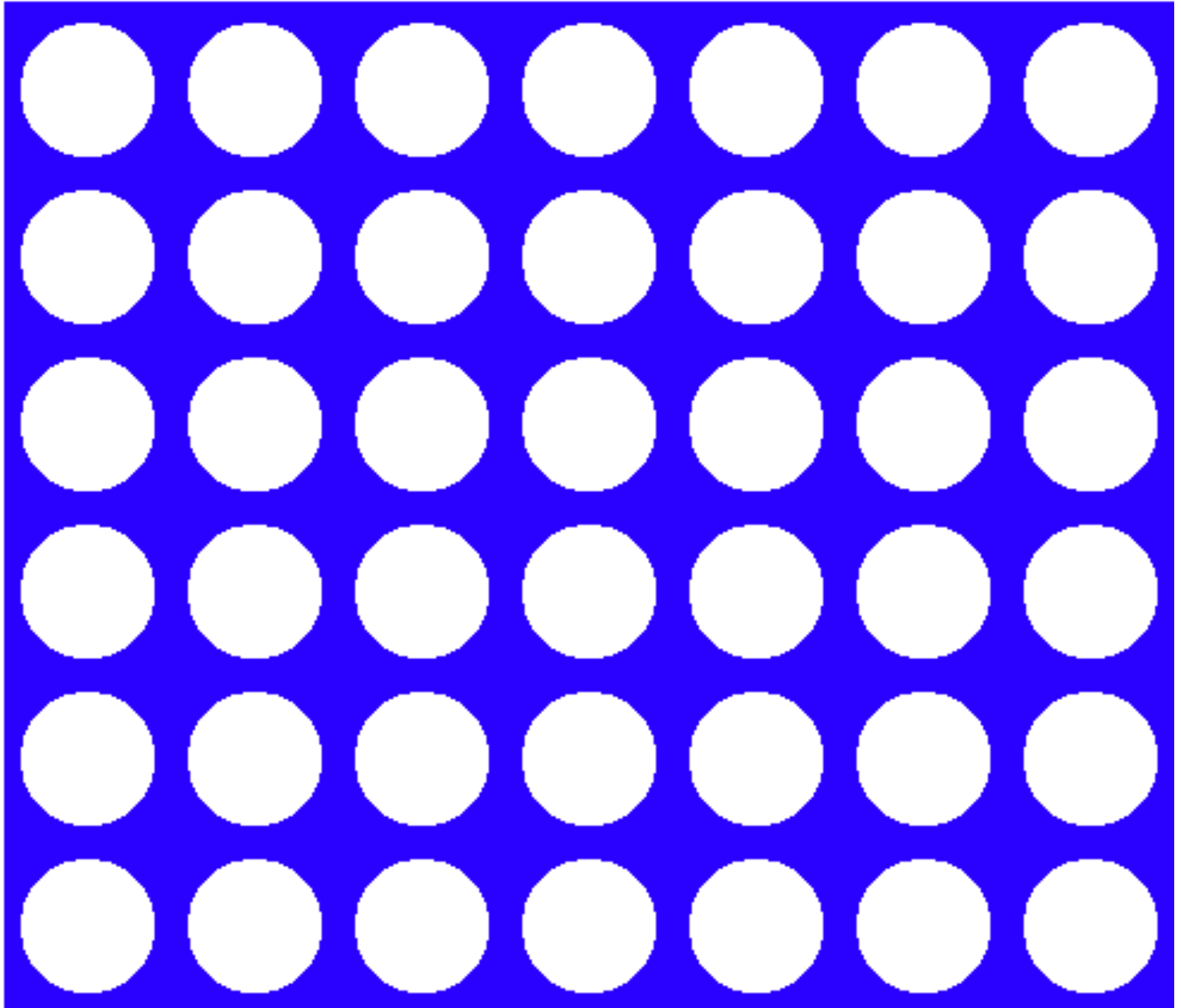
Note: Use any of the words in this activity set to work on spelling the open A syllable schwa words with your student!





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Connect 4 Game: Gameboard



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Connect 4 Game: Playing Cards

→ Cut out playing cards and shuffle!



Adopt

Tuba

Alaska

Vitamin

Buffalo

Legacy

Ultra

Vanilla

Data

Awaken

Skip!

Skip!

**Double
Up!**



**Double
Up!**



Arena

Pajama

Brazil

Mecca

Cola

Amend



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<u>M</u> ag <u>m</u> a	yes!	<u>T</u> um <u>m</u> y	No
<u>E</u> x <u>a</u> m	No	<u>U</u> mb <u>r</u> ella	yes!
<u>A</u> g <u>o</u>	yes!	<u>Q</u> u <u>o</u> ta	yes!
<u>B</u> ab <u>y</u>	No	<u>P</u> ri <u>v</u> acy	yes!
<u>M</u> en <u>u</u>	No	<u>P</u> ic <u>n</u> ic	No
<u>A</u> ro <u>m</u> a	yes!	<u>S</u> ham <u>r</u> ock	No



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Connect 4 Game Answer Key

Each word is written with diacritical markings above each vowel.

Schwa is represented with the schwa symbol ə

Adopt: ə-dɔ̃pt	Tuba: Tũ-bə	Alaska: ə-lās-kə	Vitamin: Vĩ-tə-mĩn	Buffalo: Bũf-fə-lō
Legacy: Lěg-ə-cē	Ultra: Ũl-trə	Vanilla: Və-nĩl-ə	Data: Dā-tə	Awaken: ə-wā-kěn
				Arena: ə-rē-nə
Pajama: Pə-jā-mə	Brazil: Brə-zĩl	Mecca: Mēc-cə	Cola: Cō-lə	Amend: ə-měnd

