

The Huge Hedgehog

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

Need a hint? Here's a word bank.



J

vowel

ge

short

Always use dge after a _____; otherwise use _____.

Watch out! English words will never end with the letter _____.

➔ Instructor-Guided Practice

Complete the word by adding a dge or a ge as your teacher reads the words to you. Hint: listen to the vowel sound that comes right before the blank!

bri_____

we_____

a_____

pa_____

pu_____

bu_____

le_____

smi_____

chan_____

he_____

fu_____

crin_____

Huge Hedgehog

Instructor-Guided Practice



➔ Read each word out loud to your student as they fill in the correct ending with either dge or ge on their Huge Hedgehog student page. It may help to ask them to highlight or circle the letter that comes just before the /j/ sound!

bridge

age

pudge

ledge

change

fudge

wedge

page

budge

smidge

hedge

cringe

➔ BOOM Game!

Gameplay:

1. Cut out each word from the attached template, and place them in a box, bowl, or canister. Feel free to add your own!
2. Add 3-6 BOOM cards to the container (more BOOM cards increase the challenge).
3. Players take turns drawing a card from the canister and reading the word out loud.
4. If read correctly, the player gets to keep the card.
5. If a BOOM card is drawn, the player must return all collected cards back to the container.
6. The first player to reach 5 words (or any designated number), wins!

*Note: Nonsense words are included and noted with a **



The Gentle Giraffe Loves Gym & Huge Hedgehog

Instructor-Guided Practice

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Bridge	Gem
Gent	Huge
Fridge	Wage
Grudge	Sage
Tragedy	Gym
*Bage	*Kedge
*Gerst	*Gint
*Pinge	*Quidge
*Gilk	*Hudge
*Stidge	*Troge
BOOM!	BOOM!
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Answer Key:

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