The Caterpillar Game

For 2-6 Students

Level 4 - Phonics Patterns

60 Game Pieces And Nine Heads

Use this game with any of these books.

- Phonics Patterns And Stories, Books 1-8
- Basic Phonics Patterns, Books 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-6, 7-8
- Know The Phonetic Code, Volume 1 (Covers Short Vowels And Books 1-2)
- Know The Phonetic Code, Volume 2 (Covers Books 3-5)
- Know The Phonetic Code, Volume 3 (Covers Books 6-8)
- Know The Phonetic Code, No Stories (Covers Short Vowels and Books 1-8)

The caterpillar game is an exciting way for students to practice the sounds for the new phonics patterns they are learning. Each game reinforces a series of letter patterns taught from the books listed above. The books, regardless of format, teach the same phonics patterns in the same sequence. Students can play the first game after the first seven patterns are taught. As they continue to learn new patterns, they will be able to play more games. There are between one and three games for each book. There are fifteen games all together.

Students play the game by saying the sounds for the phonics patterns on the game pieces. There are six game pieces for every pattern, providing enough repetition for students to remember the patterns and their sounds with confidence. Although it is a simple game to play, students enjoy it. In my experience, playing this game regularly while working through this level has a strong, positive effect on student learning.

To Prepare The Activity: Print the heads, the body section pages, and the game information cards on light green card stock. Laminate the pages if desired for extra wear. There are five body section pages to print for each game. The body section pieces show new letter patterns, review letter patterns, and flower images. If you will be working with a larger group, print extra games pages as needed.

If you look at the bottom of the pages, you will see the book number, followed by the game number for that particular book, followed by the page number for that game. There are between one and three new games for each book. Keep the pages for each game together until you cut out the pieces and store them. To see an overview of the game materials, look at the Caterpillar Game Chart, which lists the games for each book and shows the new and review
patterns studied in each game.

After you have arranged the game pages in order, you will be ready to cut out the caterpillar heads and body pieces. You can use a paper cutter with the body section pages, one sheet at a time, to make individual square pieces. Store each set of pieces in a labeled envelope or plastic bag, using the game information cards as labels.

Only one set of caterpillar heads is needed, since they can be reused with each of the games. Cut out the head cards and store them in a separate envelope or plastic bag.

Print the letter swamp page on light blue card stock, if you plan to use it.

Sound Charts: If you wish, you can use the current sound charts in the books as a reference while students are playing the game. Students can look at a chart if needed to remember the sound.

To Play The Game: Each student picks a caterpillar head. Put the body pieces face down on the table. Students take turns picking a body piece and giving the sound for the letter or letter pattern. If correct, the student places the section just to the right of his caterpillar head. If incorrect, the piece must be put back on the table face down. Or, if desired, have students place those pieces in the letter swamp. As the student accumulates more pieces, they are placed in a row, going to the right, to make the caterpillar longer and longer. If a piece with a flower symbol is selected, the student places the piece on his caterpillar and immediately takes another turn. If students run out of room, they can make the body turn as needed and continue to place the pieces. When all of the pieces have been collected, or time is up, students count the number of pieces on their caterpillar. The student with the most pieces wins.
# Caterpillar Game Chart - A List Of Patterns In Each Game

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Phonetic Words And Stories Book 1

NEW PATTERNS

sh/ship
o/son
a/what
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o/go
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th/thumb, this

Caterpillar Game 1-2
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 1

NEW PATTERNS

or/horse
ck/Jack
ö/to
_ve/give
ā/raven
ch/chicken
tch/match
nch/bench

Caterpillar Game 1-3
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 1

NEW PATTERNS

wh/when, who
ng/ring
nk/wink
oi/coin
oy/boy
ou/ouch ü/bush
ow/cow ä/all

Caterpillar Game 2-1
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 2

NEW PATTERNS

ee/feet
e_e/these
ei/weird
ey/key
ea/eat, head
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ay/play a_e/safe
Caterpillar Game 2-2
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 2

NEW PATTERNS
i_e/pine
ie/pie
igh/night
ind/find
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y/happy, my

Caterpillar Game 3-1
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 3

NEW PATTERNS
oa/boat
oe/toe
o_e/home
o_e/love
old/gold
olt/bolt
oll/troll
olk/yolk

Caterpillar Game 3-2
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 3

NEW PATTERNS
a_/across
_a/panda
ui/fruit
ue/glue, cue
u_e/flute, cube
ew/flew, few
dge/fudge

Caterpillar Game 4-1
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 4

NEW PATTERNS
oi/coin
oy/boy
ou/ouch, four, soup
ow/cow, snow
u/bush
oo/moon, book
ould/should
Caterpillar Game 4-2
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 4

NEW PATTERNS
au/Paul
aw/saw
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Caterpillar Game 5-1
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 5

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gy/gym ir/bird
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Caterpillar Game 5-2
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 5

NEW PATTERNS
er/her
ur/turtle
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_ze/freeze

Caterpillar Game 6
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 6

NEW PATTERNS
ei/weird, veil
ey/key, they
ea/eat, head, steak
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ï/pizza ie/pie, shield
Caterpillar Game 7
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 7

NEW PATTERNS
wor/worm
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or/horse, tractor,
sorry
ar/car, dollar, carrot
ear/early
our/journal

Caterpillar Game 8-1
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 8

NEW PATTERNS
a/father
kn/knife
wr/wren
gh/ghost, straight
ought/bought
ph/phone
ugh/laugh

Caterpillar Game 8-2
Phonetic Words And Stories Book 8

NEW PATTERNS
ye/rye
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y/gymnastics
qua/quarrel
squa/squash

Use these games with any of the following books.

Phonetic Words And Stories, Books 1-8
Basic Phonics Patterns, Books 1-8
Know The Phonetic Code, Volumes 1-3
Know The Phonetic Code, No Stories

Each student takes a caterpillar head. Turn all of the body pieces face down. Students take turns selecting a piece and saying its sound or sounds. If correct, the piece goes in a row to make up that student’s caterpillar body. If incorrect, the piece is placed face down back on the table, or in the Letter Swamp. If a flower piece is drawn, students add it to their caterpillar body and immediately take another turn. When all the pieces are taken, or time runs out, the student with the most pieces wins.
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