

## **Word Detective**

### **PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS PER PARTICIPANT:**

- 1 plain paper copy each page**

# Word Detective Activities May Include:



- Highlighting a specific pattern in Stevenson materials or other reading materials such as newspapers and magazines.
- Searching for an assigned pattern in various outside sources. (other class text, posters, grocery items) Students may acquire play money for their efforts.
- Recording and maintaining a Word Detective Folder (Spy Book) to build collections of vocabulary which match the assigned patterns..
- Playing Word Detective Games using the dictionary to find assigned combinations of prefixes and assigned patterns. For example a team may be assigned "re" + "oa" and would locate a word such as "reload".
- Listening for assigned pattern as stories are read.



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Teacher: Write selected vowel patterns inside the magnifying glasses. Student searches various materials to locate words with the assigned patterns. Students may earn "play money" for each word collected.



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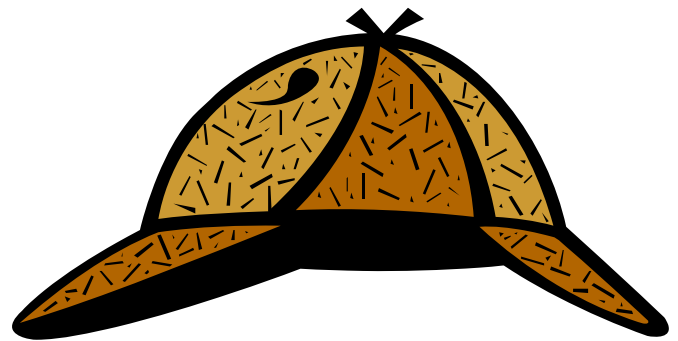
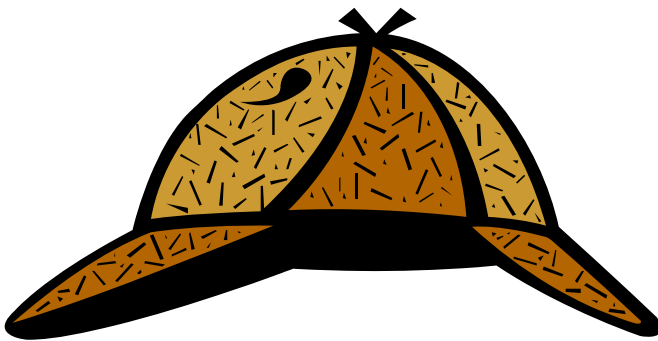
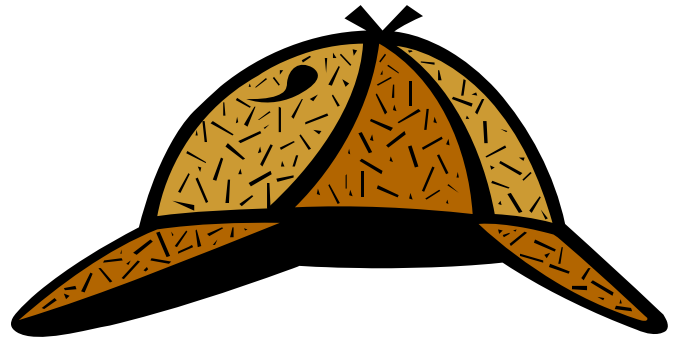
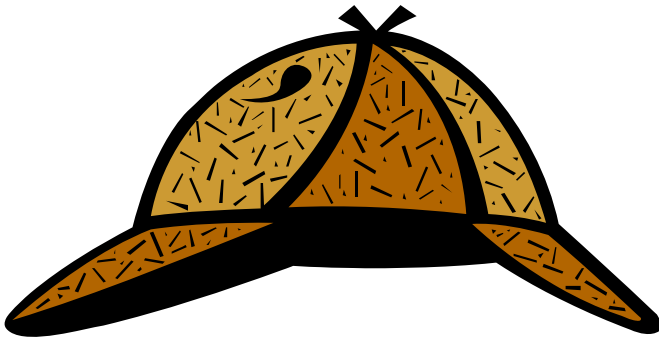
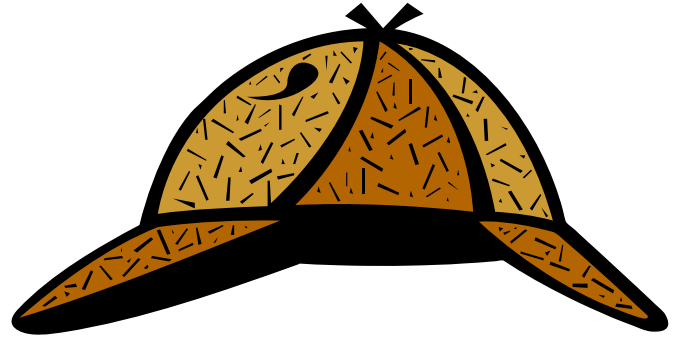
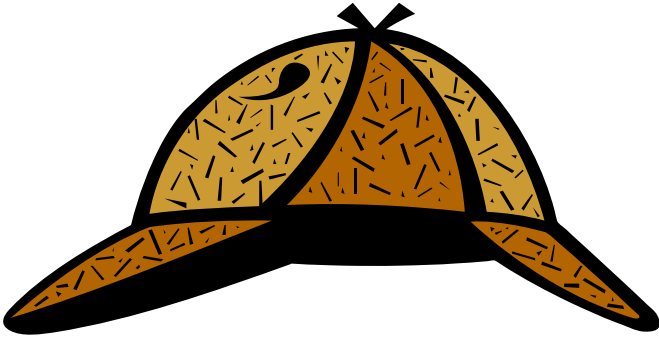
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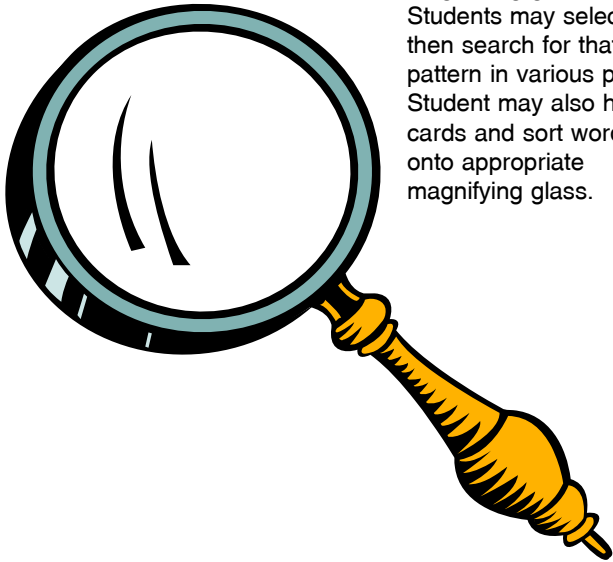
Use hats to decorate front of Word Detective cards.

Word Detective Activities are those which cause a student to search in other materials for vowel patterns and/or vocabulary words they can recognize.

Searching through newspaper advertising, newspapers, yellow pages, billboards, classroom posters, other text books, library books, dictionaries, and any other appropriate media. These activities build the student's confidence and their ability to transfer their knowledge. Using play money as an incentive can help encourage students to become word detectives. After all, real detectives get paid when they solve the mystery.



Copy, glue on cards, laminate. Teacher then writes vowel patterns in magnifying glasses. Students may select one then search for that vowel pattern in various places. Student may also have all cards and sort word cards onto appropriate magnifying glass.



# SPY NOTES