

Collaborative Crossword Puzzle

This game is based on the concept of crossword puzzles. Words are printed vertically on one side of a strip of paper and horizontally on the other side. Students use the strips to build a crossword.

Objectives: To practice reading simple adjectives.

Players: 2 players

Materials: crossword puzzle strips sheet (on the reproducible)

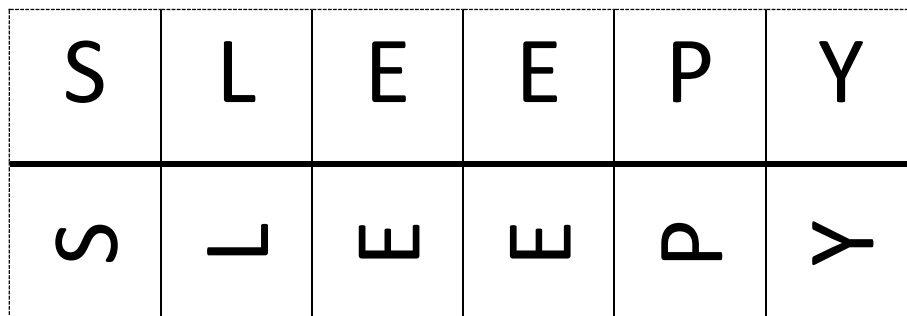
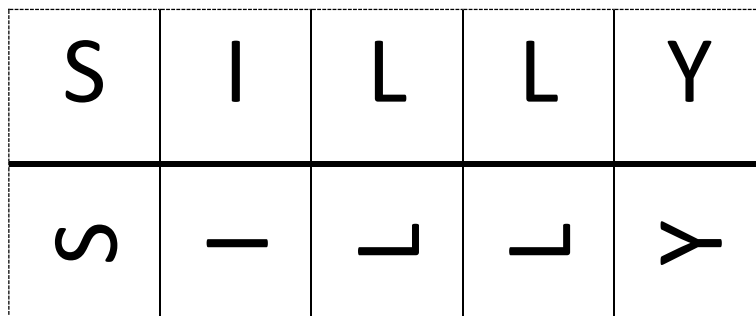
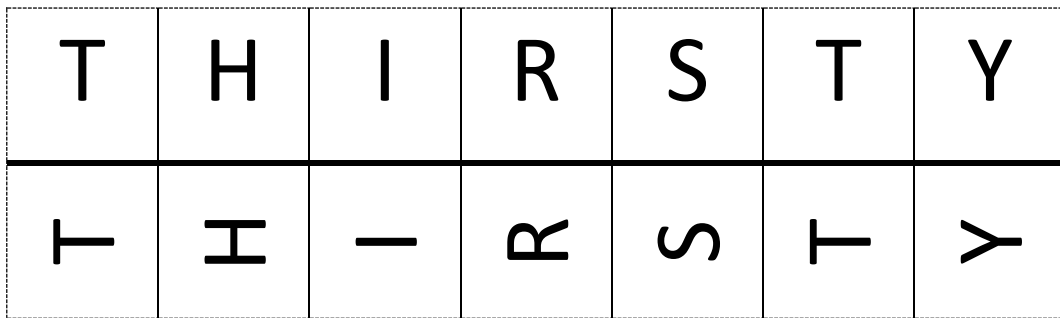
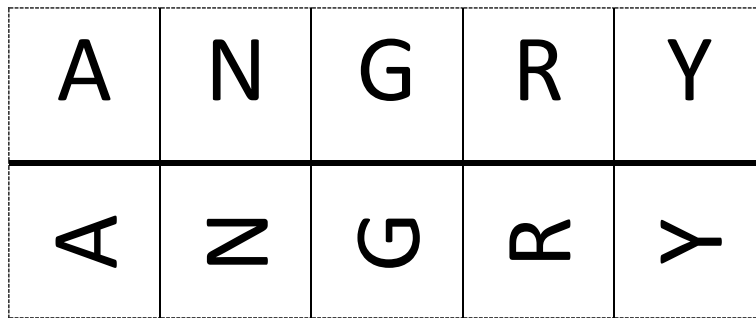
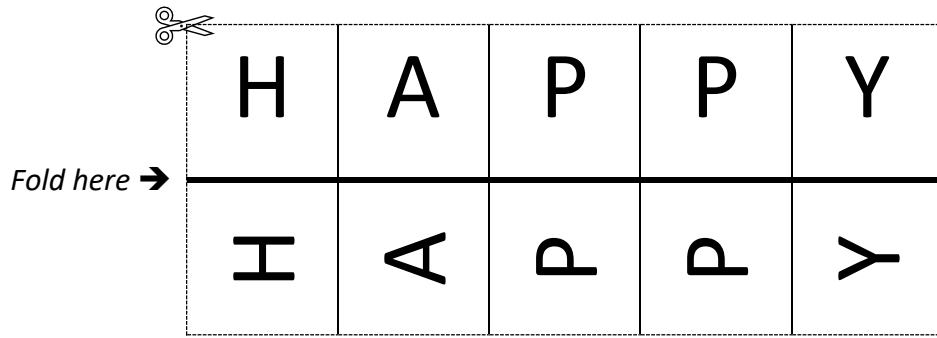
Preparation: Photocopy the puzzle strips on pages 2-3. Cut along the dotted lines. Then, fold along the dotted lines. Glue the white-facing sides together, forming puzzle strips that may be used on the horizontal or vertical.

To Play the Game

1. Have each player take three strips. Put the remaining strips in a pile.
2. Explain that the purpose of the game is to play all of one's word strips as quickly as possible by fitting its letters to those in other strips.
3. The player with the longest word begins by reading it aloud and then placing the strip with the horizontal word faceup on the table.
4. The next player places another word on one of the letters of the first word so that it builds the beginning of a crossword. For example, if the first word is *happy* horizontally, the second player could use *angry* vertically by placing the *a* over one of the *a*'s in *happy*. If a student cannot play any word, he or she draws a strip from the pile. Students must read each word aloud before they place it on the crossword.
5. Each added word must fit the words already on the table. It must make a word with any letters it touches.
6. The first student to use all of his or her strips is the winner.

Variation: Students can make their own crossword games using the Crossword-Builder Grid on page 4.

Note: The upper levels of words were chosen because they are slightly longer than the earlier levels of words. This game works better with longer words than with shorter ones.



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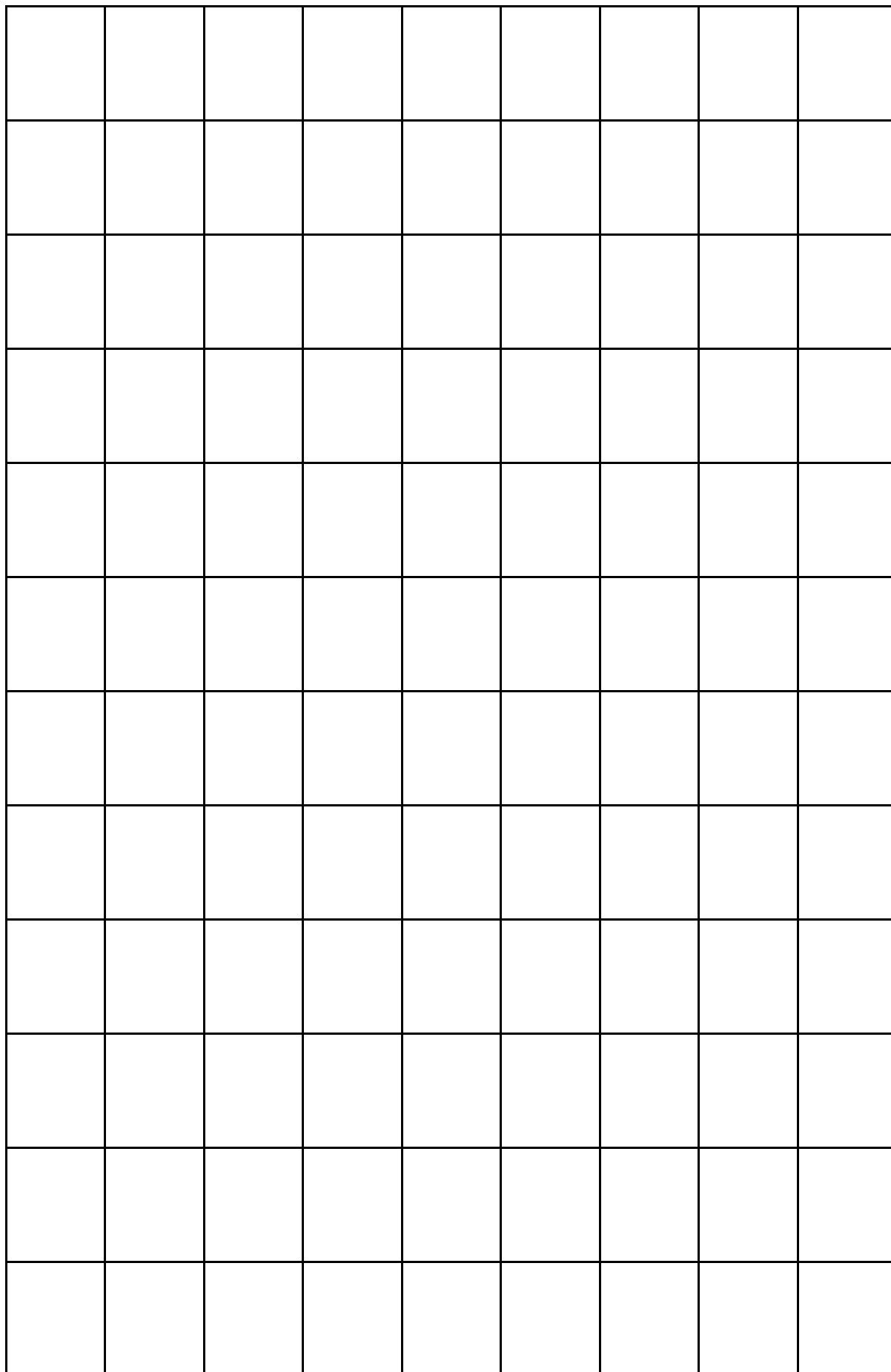
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C	O	L	D
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Crossword-Builder Grid



Key vocabulary: happy, angry, thirsty, silly, sleepy, funny, tired, hungry, hot, cold

Key Language: I'm happy, she's silly, etc.

Skills: Identify different adjectives ('feeling' adjectives).