Crossword Puzzle Game

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.

Instructions

Players: 2 Players

Materials: Glue, scissors, crossword word strips on pages 3-4, crossword-builder grid on page 5.

Preparation:
- Print the word strips and the crossword-builder grid.
- Cut along the dotted lines.
- Fold the word along the solid lines lengthwise.
- Glue the white-facing sides together.
- Put the word strips in a pile.

To Play the Game

1. Each player takes three of the word strips from the pile.

2. The player with the longest word is Player 1.

3. Player 1 begins the game.

4. Player 1 places their word face up on the crossword grid.

5. Player 1 asks Player 2 a question using the word in the crossword.
   Examples: "What sound does a 'cow' make?" or "What does a 'chicken' like to eat?"

6. Player 2 places a word on top of one of a letter of the first word to start the crossword.

7. See example below:

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Crossword-Builder Grid

	C	H	I	C	K	E	N
				O			
				W			
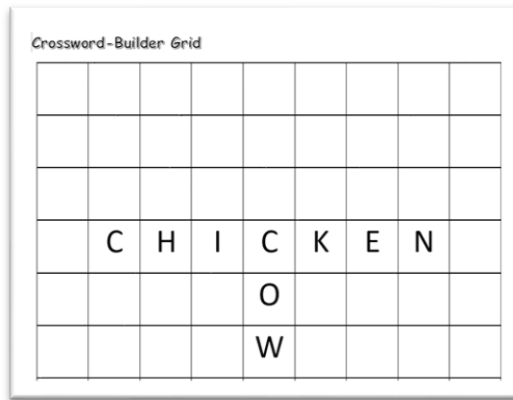
8. Player 2 asks Player 1 a question using the word in the crossword.

9. Player 1 places another word strip face up on the crossword grid and repeats step 5.

Crossword-Builder Grid

				D		
				U		
				C		
C	H	I	C	K	E	N
				O		
				W		
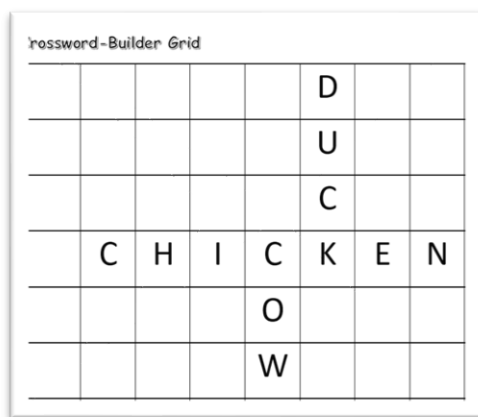
10. If a player cannot play any word, they take a strip from the pile.

11. The first player to use all of their word strips is the winner.

Variations: Players can create their own crossword games using the Crossword-Builder Grid by using pictures or making up sentences.

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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Word Strips

P	U	P	P	Y
P	U	P	P	Y

C	H	I	C	K	E	N
C	H	I	C	K	E	N

B	I	R	D
B	I	R	D

K	I	T	T	E	N
K	I	T	T	E	N

S	H	E	E	P
S	H	E	E	P

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H	O	R	S	E
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R	A	B	B	I	T
R	A	B	B	I	T

C	O	W
C	O	W

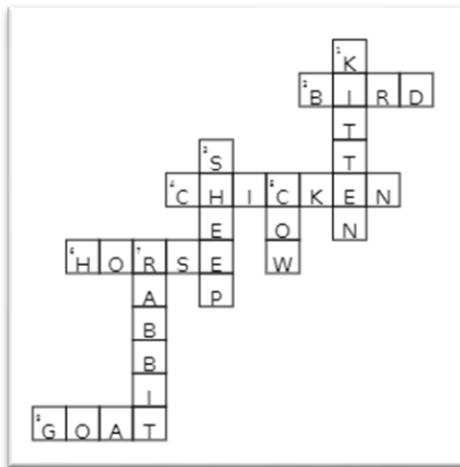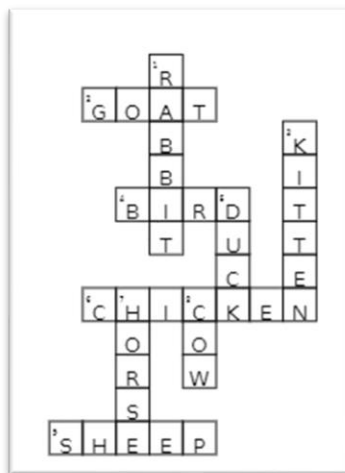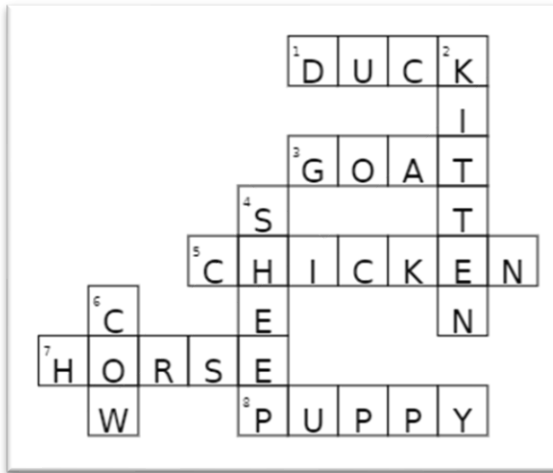| D	U	C	K
D	U	C	K

G	O	A	T
G	O	A	T

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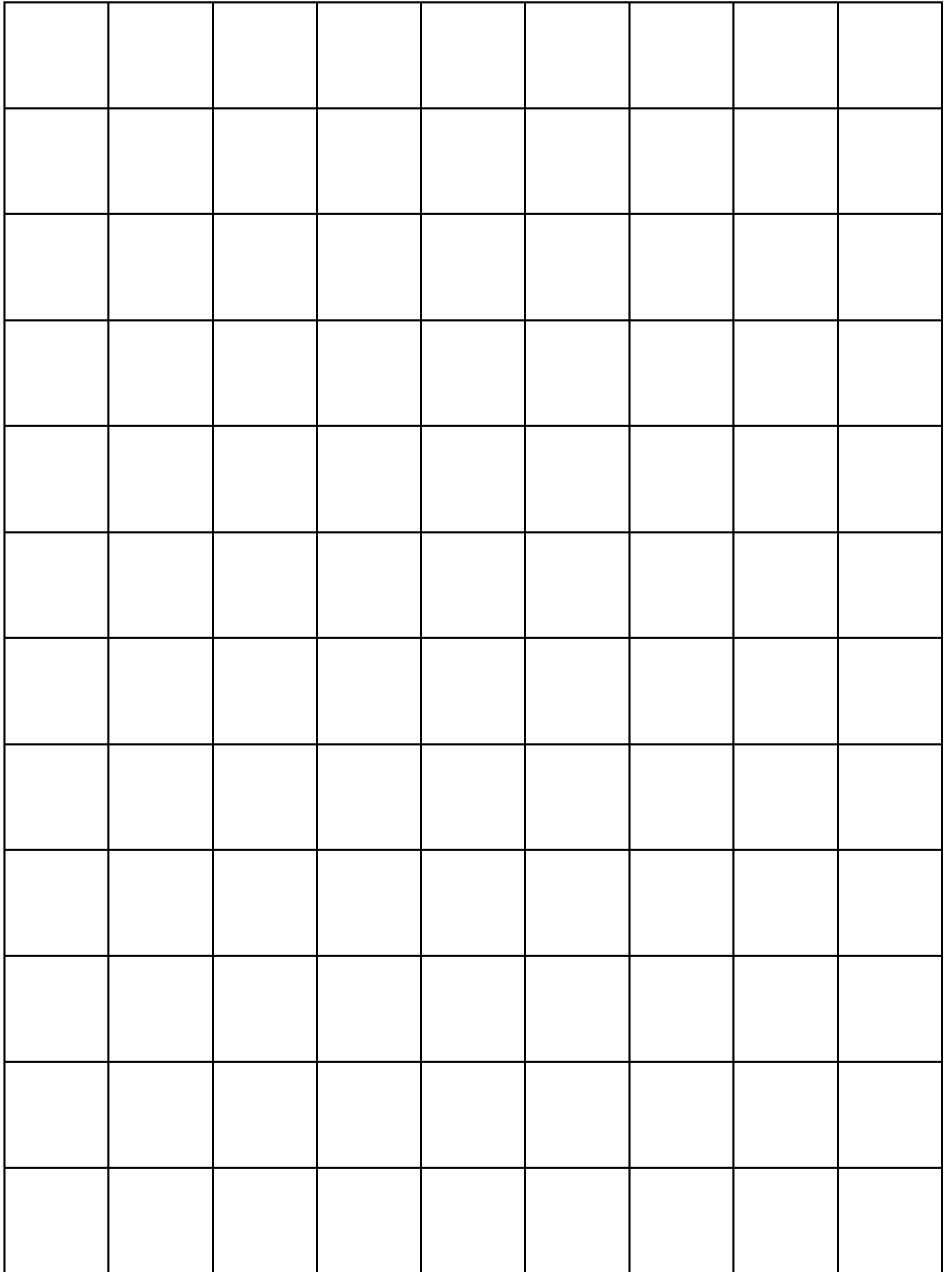
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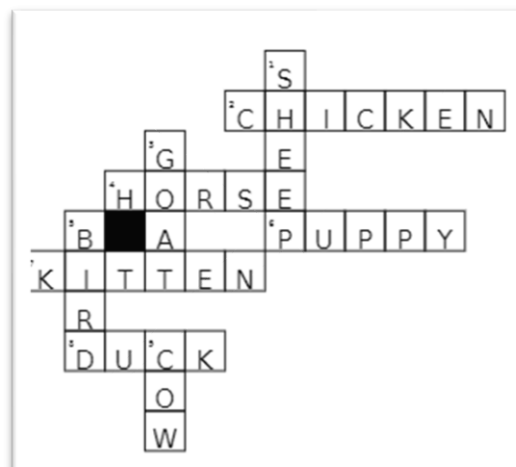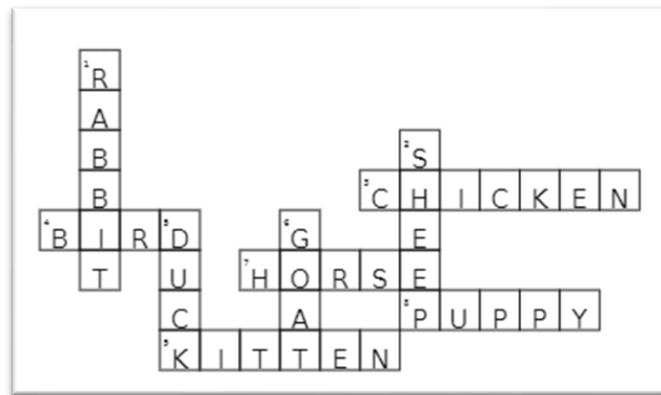
Instructions:

Print the word strips and the crossword grid (pages 3,4 and 5).

Say – *Cut out the word strips along the dotted lines ……* (pages 3 and 4).

Say – *Fold the words in half along the solid line _____.*

Say – *Glue the blank sides together.*

Say – *Each player take three word strips.*

Say – *The player with the longest word goes first.*

Say – *Player 1, lay one word strip somewhere on the crossword grid.*

Say - *Player 2, lay one word on the crossword grid. Make sure at least one letter crosses player 1's word with the same letter.*

Key vocabulary: puppy, chicken, bird, kitten, sheep, horse, rabbit, cow, duck, goat

Skill: Identifying the animal words, read the word, solve a puzzle.