

Needles in a Haystack Game



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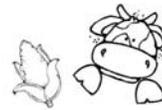
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Sheaves of Wheat Word Game



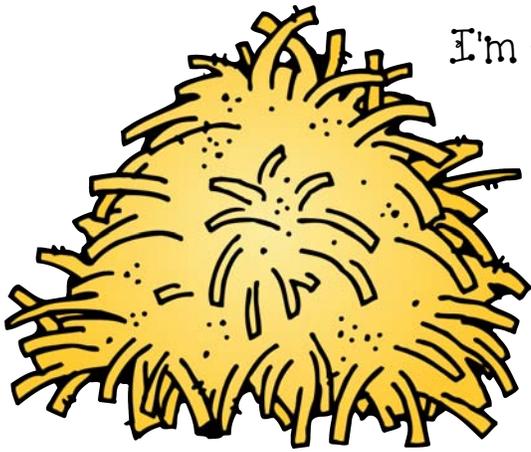
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Haystack Howdy

Long ee & ea Word Games
+ Little Boy Blue Activities



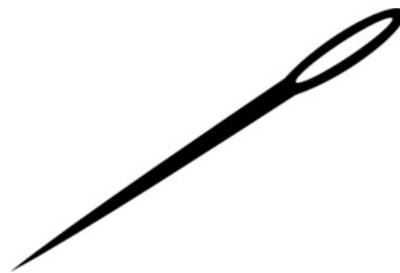
I'm always curious as to why a certain phrase became popular, so I of course went to the Internet with: What is the origin of the phrase "needle in a hay stack"? Half a dozen reputable sites all agreed with the following:

The idiom in full is: "like looking for a needle in a haystack". It is based on the idea that it is extremely difficult, if not virtually impossible, to find a sewing needle in a haystack.

The first example of this idea in print, was found in the works of Sir Thomas More in 1532:

"To seek out one line in his books would be to go look (for) a needle in a meadow."

Meaning that, to try and do so, would be a very difficult task.



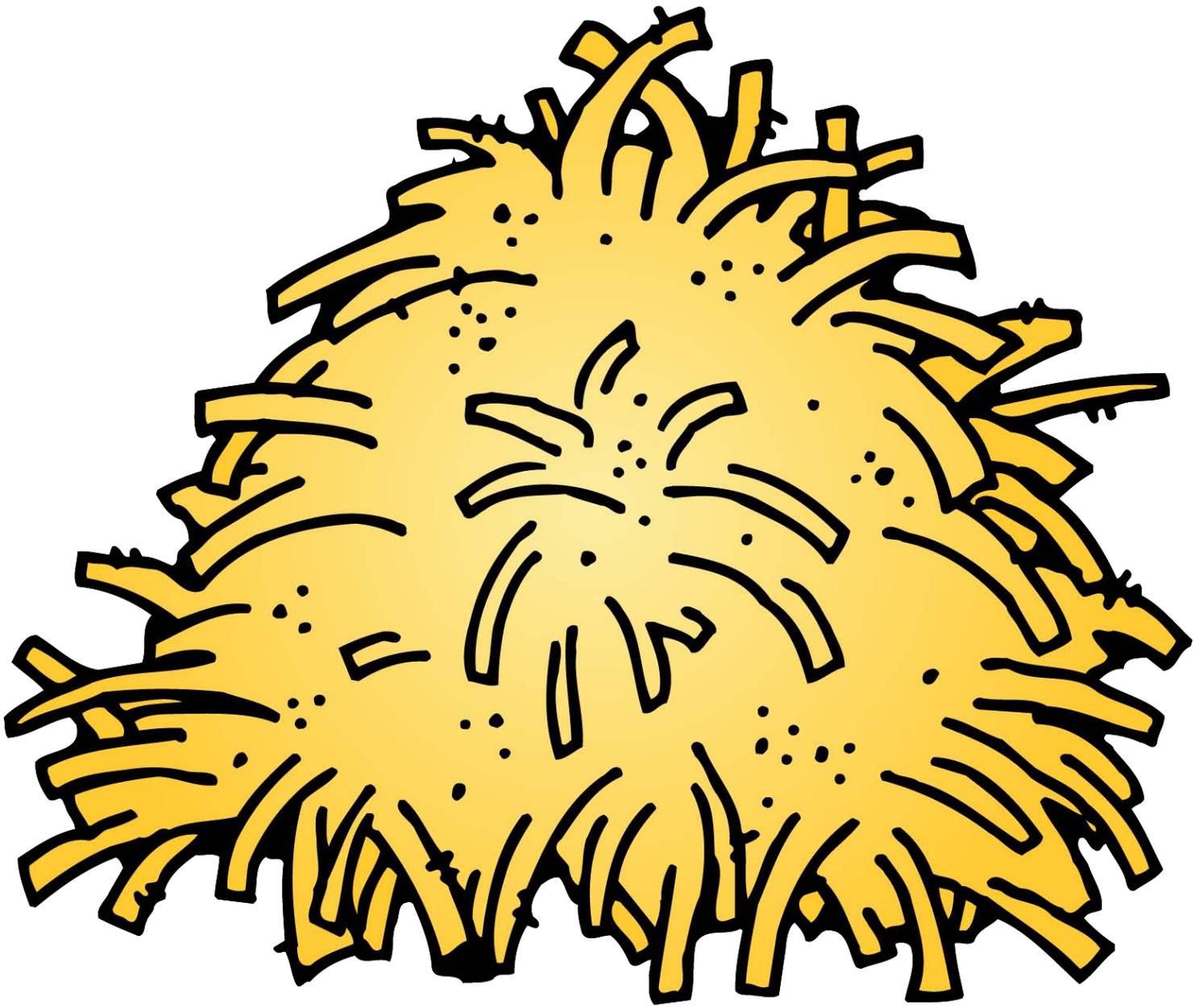
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Cut a slit across the middle. Make it wide and long enough so that students can easily fit their needle word cards in the slot.

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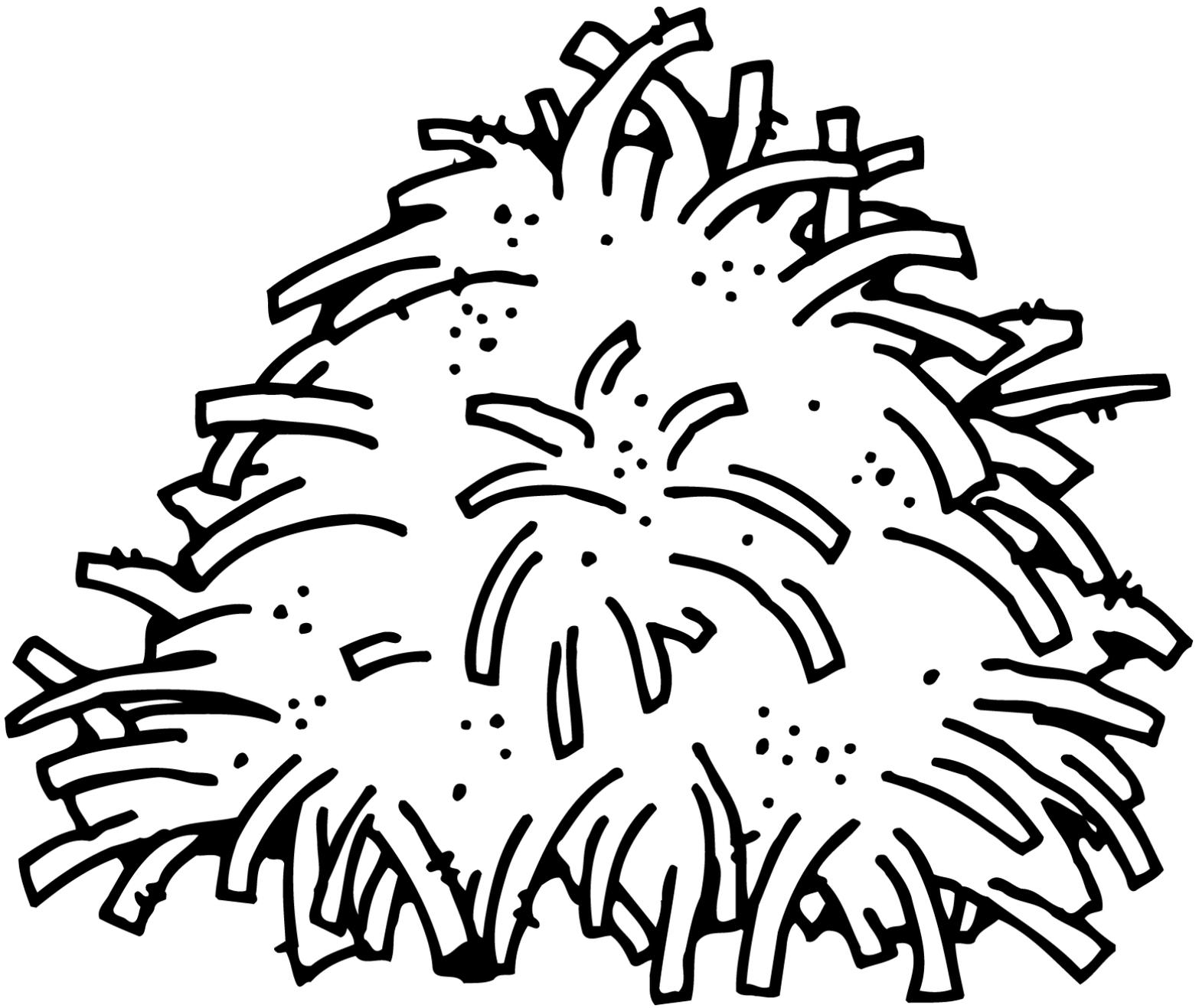
Children show their needle card to the class and then everyone reads it together, before they slip it into the slot.

The card falls behind the haystack into the container.

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Add some shading with crayons if you want.

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breed	flee	need	sheet	tweet
breeze	fleece	needle	sleek	tweeze
bungee	fleet	pee	sleep	wee
cheek	foresee	peek	sleet	weed
cheep	free	peel	sleeve	week
cheese	freeze	peep	sneeze	weep
cheetah	Frisbee	peeve	speech	wheedle
coffee	gee	preemie	speed	wheel
creed	geek	preen	spleen	wheeze
creek	glee	puree	spree	yippee
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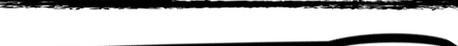
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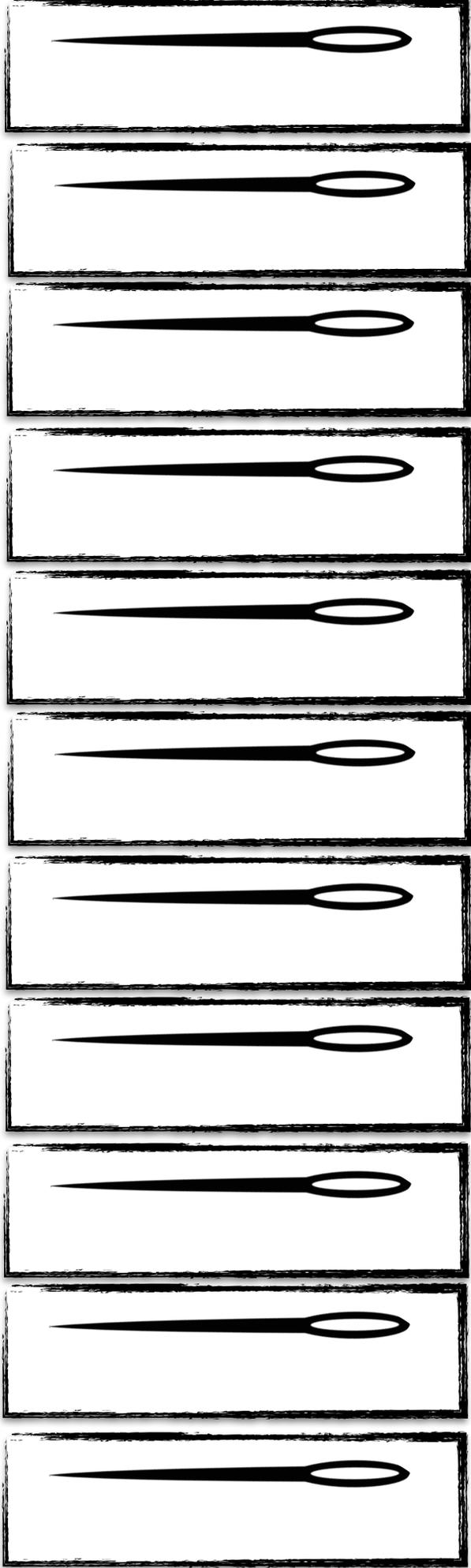
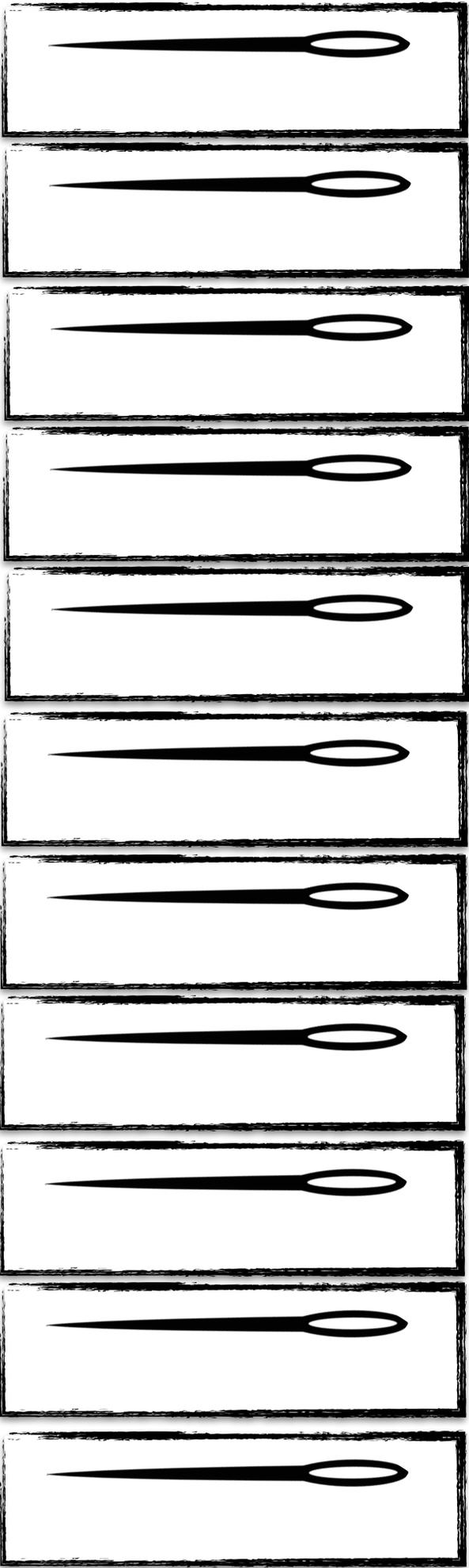


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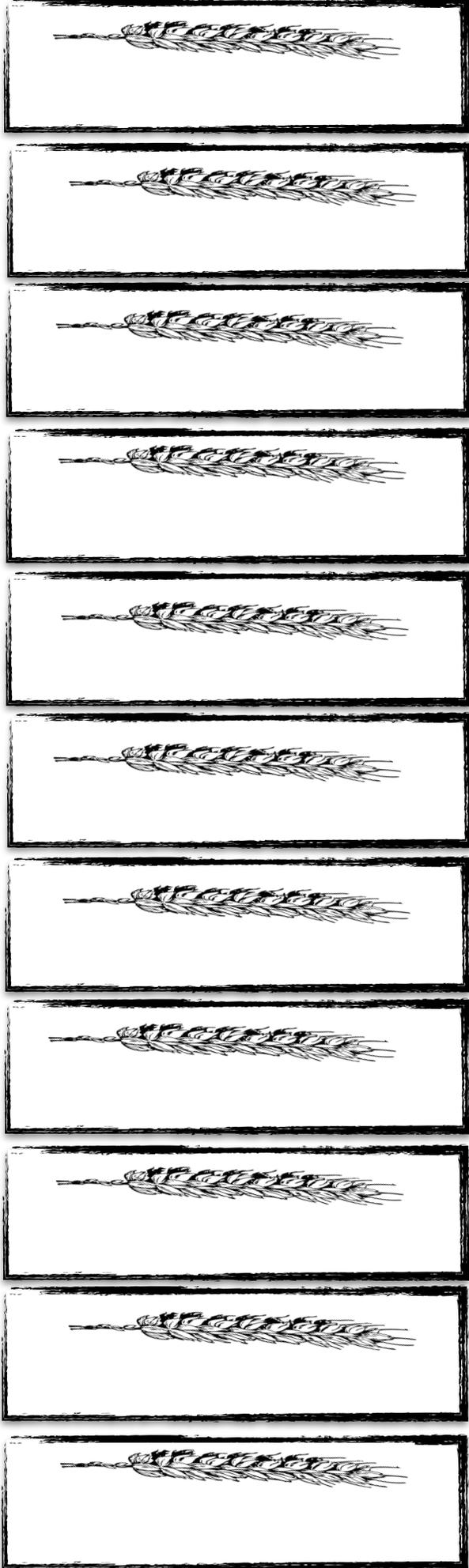
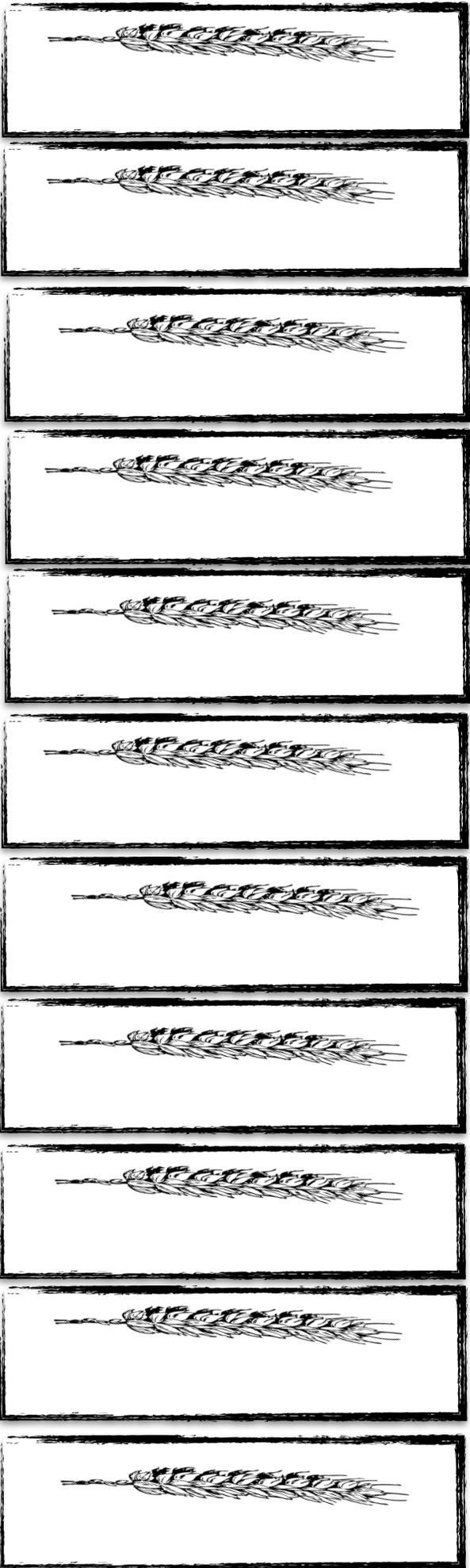
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each



eave





Word Cards

What else can you do with the mini needle and wheat word cards?

- Print, laminate & trim. Toss them in a container. Have students choose 3-5 and use the words to make up sentences.
- Have students roll a dice to see how many card they need to pick and then do some word work activity with them.
- Have students each pick 10 cards and arrange them in alphabetical order.
- Have students pick a partner. Give them each a set of the same 20 words. They place them face down in a pile. They flip over the first word. The first one to identify and say the word correctly, gets that pair.
- Print and laminate and sprinkle them on the floor. Have students collect the cards before the timer rings. Whatever cards they hold, they read them

aloud to the students sitting in a circle on your carpet.

- Run off sets of 10 words on two different colors of paper, so that you can make *Memory Match* games. This will make the game easier to play and expedite time.
- Put a set in a bag, basket or box and have students pull out a card and read the word. If they can't, they are out of the game.
- Put some Kaboom bomb cards in the container along with a set of cards.
- Children take 2 cards out of the basket. Teacher calls on a student to start the game, that child reads their word card and asks for another word. They can use the poster with the list of words to help them.
- That child with that card reads it and gives their card to that child. They then read their other card and ask for another word.
- Play continues 'til all of the cards are gone.
- When the bomb cards are added a child must use the bomb Kaboom card when they are called on for a match.
- They show the bomb card; everyone yells "Kaboom" and both children are out of the game.
- Give them a copy of the list of words. There are quite a few homonyms (homophones) have them find

and circle the words and then write the pairs on the back of their paper. i.e. week and weak, tee and tea etc.

- Play "*I Have, Who Has?*"
- Make sure you have only enough pairs of cards so that things come out equal to the number of students present that day.
- One student starts and says: "*I have _____ . Who has the matching word.*"
The child with that card gives that child their card.
- Play continues 'til all of the cards are gone.
- You can spice this game up by adding the "Kaboom" cards to this game as well.
- Have students choose a partner and play "Speed" against them.
- Each student mixes up their cards. Together they say, "Ready-Set-Go!"
- Each student puts their cards in alphabetical order. The 1st one to do so is the winner.
- Display five to ten cards on the wall in a jumbled mess. Each day take a "mystery" card away. Choose a different child each day to guess which card is missing.
- Put a card under a question mark poster. Give clues about the mystery word of the day and have students guess what word it is.

- Play "I Spy" with the words. Choose 10 and put them on the board. Give clues about the word. i.e. I spy a word that has the vowel _____ in it. It starts or ends with the letter _____, it means, it's a color etc.
- Use them as mini flashcards. Hold one up and have children read them as a group.
- Play Go Fish
- If you use the cards in another way, please drop me an e-mail diane@teachwithme.com so that I can keep adding to this list. Thanks in advance.





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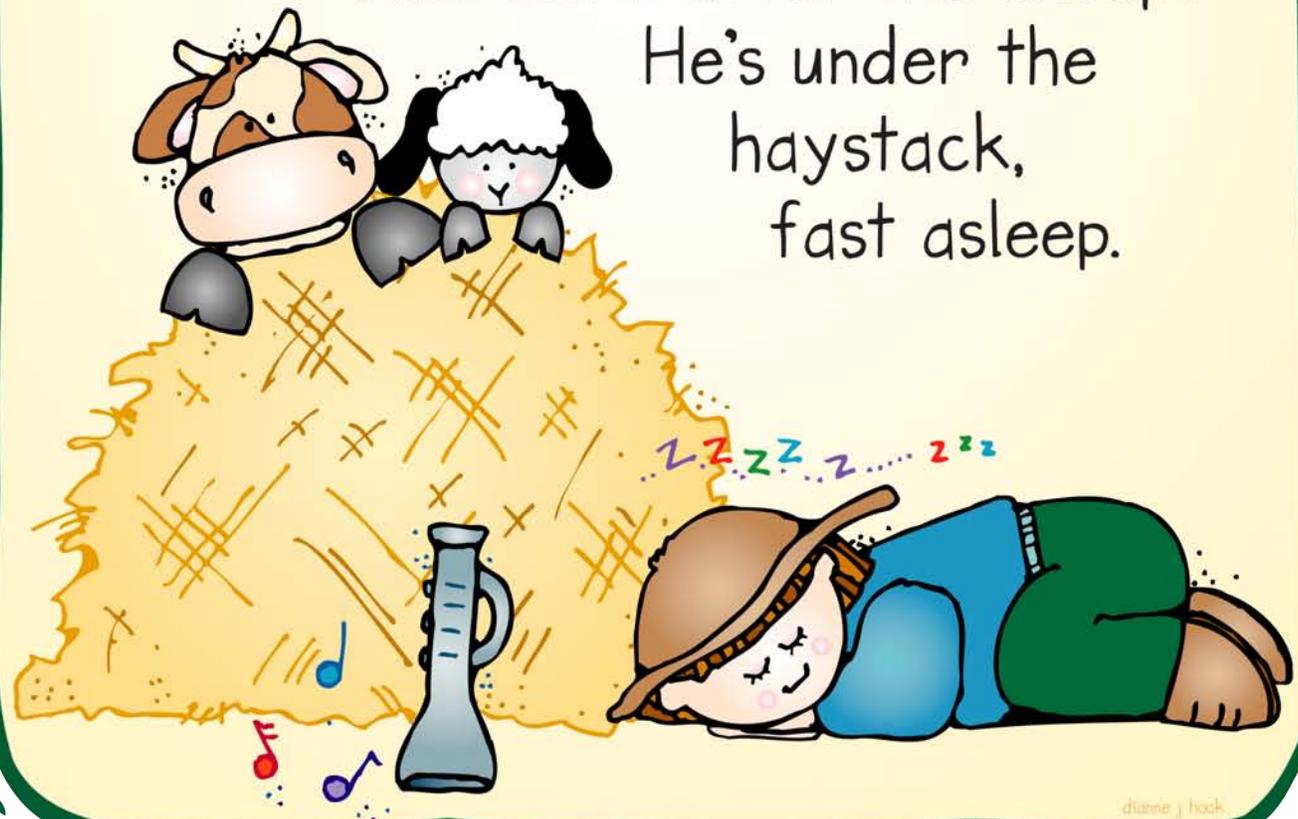


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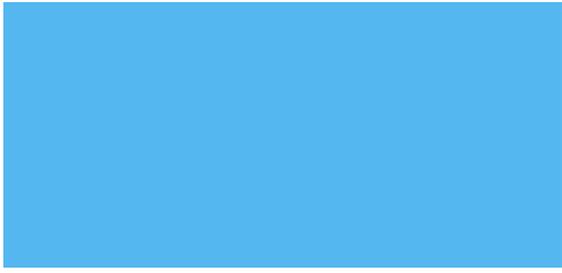
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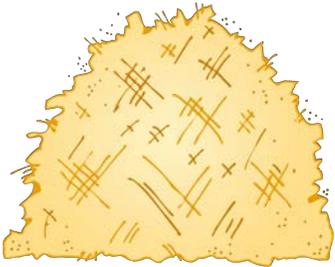
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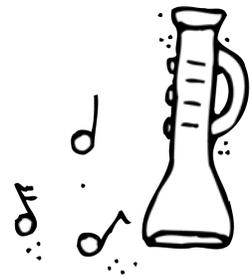
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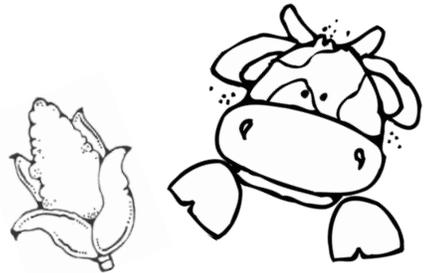
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