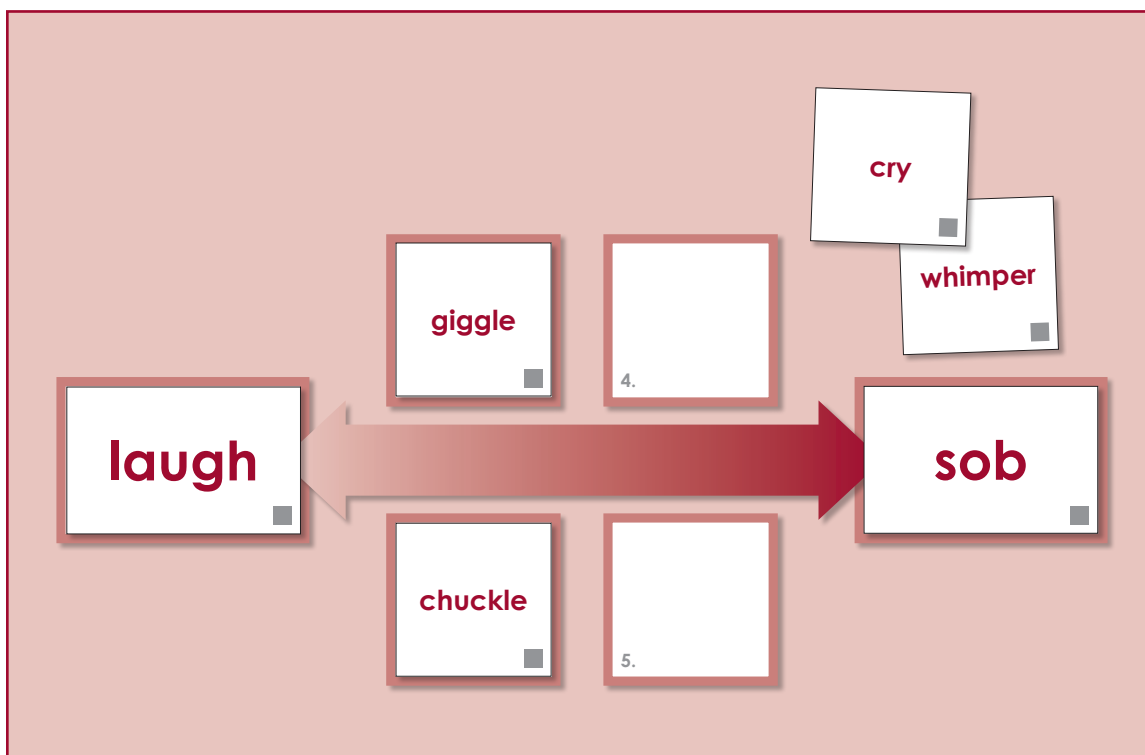


Talk About Words

Directions

1. This activity will deepen your child's understanding of related words. It will also enhance your child's vocabulary, which can help him or her be more precise and imaginative when writing.
2. Cut out the word cards. There is one set of word cards per page. Each set has the same symbol in the lower right corner of the word card. Store each set of cards in its own sandwich bag.
3. Provide your child with the activity sheet and select one set of word cards.
4. Ask your child to:
 - Read the word cards.
 - Place the larger two word cards on either end of the word continuum on the activity sheet. These are antonyms (opposites).
 - Place the smaller word cards on the word continuum in an order that creates a gradual shift in meaning, making a bridge from one opposite to the other.
 - Discuss rationale for placement of words.
 - Think of other words that might belong on the continuum. Where would those words be placed?

Example



word cards



sunny



sunless



hazy



overcast



foggy



cloudy



word cards



nothing



all



few



several



some



many



word cards



laugh



sob



giggle



chuckle



whimper



cry



word cards



relative



stranger



friend



classmate



neighbor



visitor



1.

3.

2.

5.

4.

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