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Word Worms

This is a special Between the Lions game for two players. It goes like this. Print all four sheets and cut out all of the pieces. Don't cut along the dotted lines! Fold each piece in half, along the dotted line, so that there is one word on each side. Divide the pieces equally between the two of you. You don't have to use all the pieces, but the more you use, the longer the game will last. Experiment to find a number both of you are comfortable with.

Sit at opposite sides of a table, or on the floor. The younger person puts one word in the middle, with one word facing each player.

The other player then places a piece whose first letter matches the last letter of that word, or whose last letter matches the first letter of that word. Once there is more than one piece on the table, players continue back and forth, always adding a word to either end of the Word Worm. Miss a turn if you can't go.

When neither of you can go any more, you'll both see a pretty long Word Worm winding across the table.

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Word Worms (continued)

The side facing you might say **Hamster--Right--Tree--Eagle** (see the way the start and end letters match up?). With the same pieces, the other player might see **Envelope--Eat--Tower--Rich**. Both of you must now make up a story using all of your words in the order they come. Read from left to right. If the words are too hard, help your kid read the words.

Here are two examples:

Harry **Hamster** was heading **Right** home when, from the **Tree** above him, an **Eagle** swooped and stole his hat...

Tasha opened the gold **Envelope** to find an invitation to **Eat** dinner in Toffee **Tower** with the **Rich** woman who lived there...

This domino game promotes letter awareness, and, for more advanced readers, it's a great story-starter game.



Word Worms Sheet 1

extra	far	pad	dog
apple	restaurant	drop	good
koala	hung	wife	teach
ask	goldfish	elbow	hat
grab	garden	free	ouch
big	napping	elf	hello
sob	wonder	dive	pitch
bus	rainbow	end	help
disc	green	whiff	north
cold	nothing	few	hen



Word Worms Sheet 2

logic	outside	half	duck
cool	Eskimo	fish	kid
yard	yam	deaf	stick
daddy	mommy	food	kiss
hand	pal	pig	yolk
ditch	lollipop	gap	kitty
mud	son	log	cap
dream	noodles	girl	picnic
how	rats	absorb	flip
wish	star	banana	puff



Word Worms Sheet 3

glow	fast	red	motor
wrong	thief	daughter	ram
lucky	bat	yard	letter
yell	thumb	dictionary	real
way	set	see	door
yellow	toss	express	red
say	cat	fuzzy	pets
yes	traffic	yourself	ship
soda	night	ring	this
antlers	trick	grandmother	silent



Word Worms Sheet 4

eggs	back	best	room
sentence	knob	tub	mirror
kings	fill	mow	win
snack	leaf	warm	now
yuck	real	throw	hip
key	letter	west	patch
young	eel	run	rip
gray	little	newspaper	pepper
wish	team	trip	and
how	mat	peppermint	pop