

Thanksgiving Scramble


a holiday reading and spelling activity

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Cranberry Sauce

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Are you ready for a Thanksgiving feast? This delicious holiday-themed word scramble will satisfy your child's appetite for reading and spelling practice. Just mix up letters from popular items on your Thanksgiving menu to create new words. Top it off with a dash of vocabulary building and you have a winning recipe! Hungry yet? Let's dig in!



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Instructions

1. Print and cut out the letter squares on page 8 (color) or page 13 (black and white). Keep the letters grouped by phrase and set aside.
2. Print out the activity sheets on pages 4-7 (color) or pages 9-12 (black and white).
3. Pick an activity sheet and the accompanying letter squares. Scramble the letter squares.
4. Have your child unscramble the letters and create as many words as he can from the letters.
5. Have your child write each word on the activity sheet as he creates it.
6. When your child is unable to come up with new words, continue with the other activity sheets.
7. Use the word lists on pages 14 and 15 if needed.

Variations

1. **Encourage teamwork.** Have all players work together to see how many words they can discover as a team. This is a great way to involve the whole family or a group of children.
2. **Make it a contest.** For children with similar reading/spelling abilities, print out an activity sheet and a set of letters for each player and see who can discover the most words.
3. **Make it a race.** Have children of similar abilities see who can discover the most words in one minute or in five minutes.
4. **Encourage vocabulary building.** Have children use each word in a sentence as they add it to their activity sheet.



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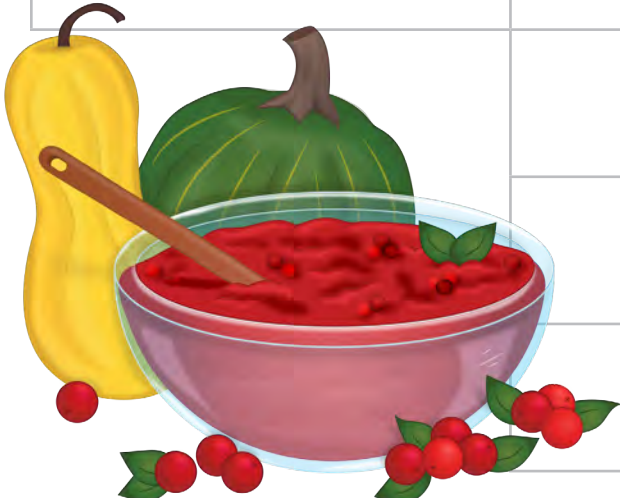
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Cranberry Sauce



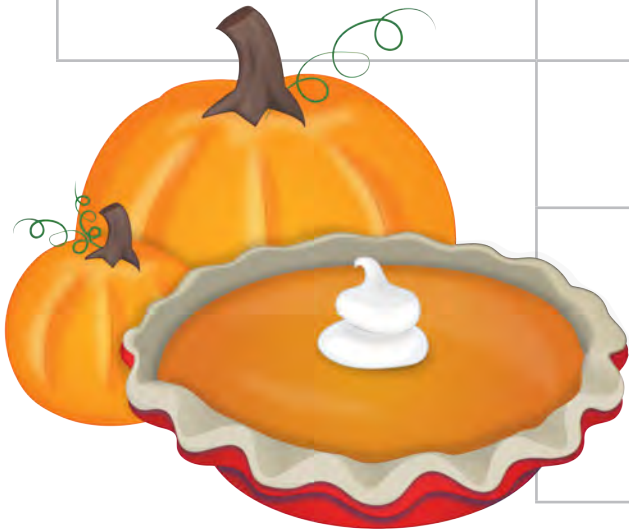
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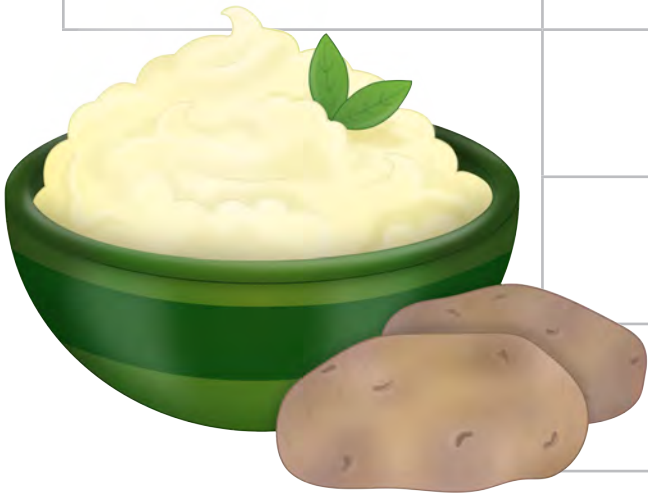
What other words are hiding in these yummy treats? Use your cut-out letters for the phrase "Pumpkin Pies" and mix them up. Complete the chart below with any words you find!



Mashed Potatoes



Let's mash up the letters in the phrase "Mashed Potatoes" and see what other words we can create! Cut out the letters and scramble them up. Write down any words you find below!



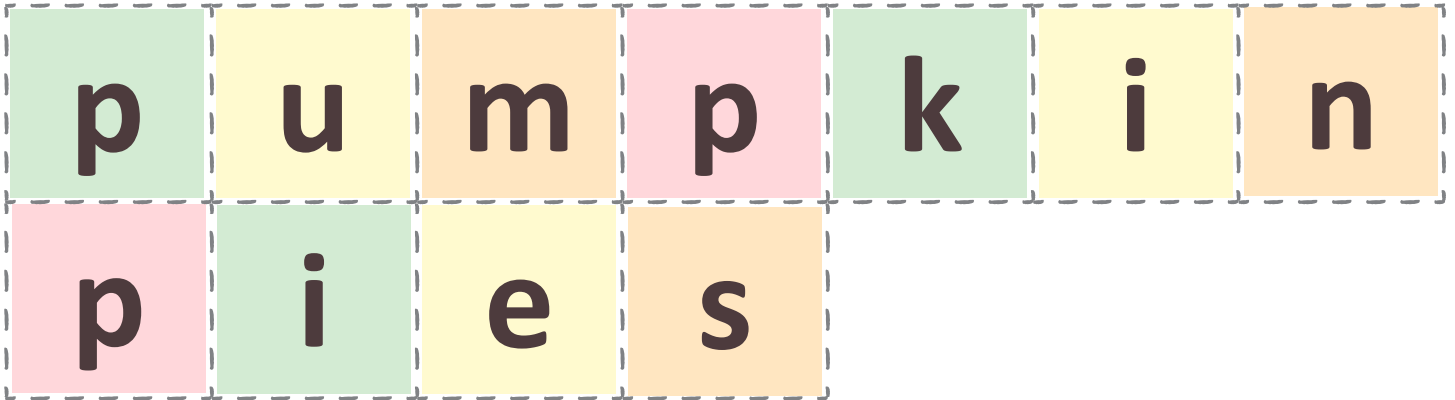
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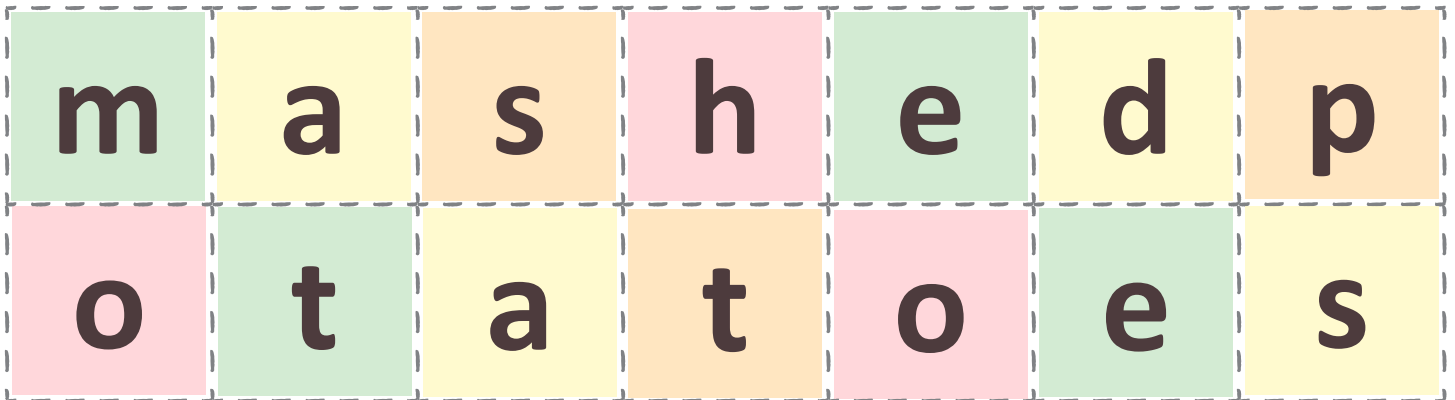
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— Mashed Potatoes





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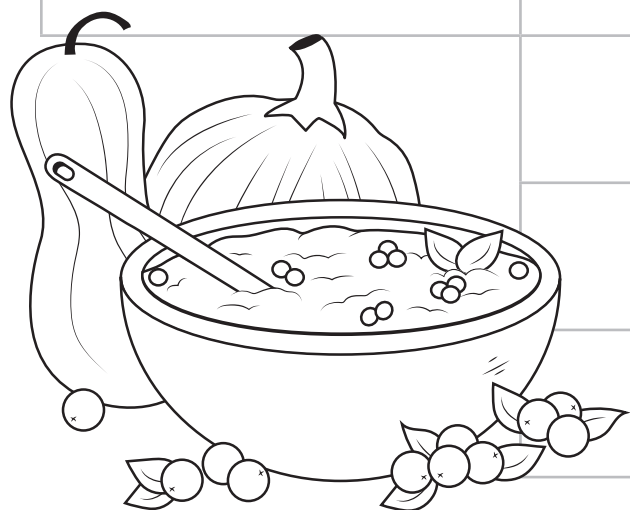
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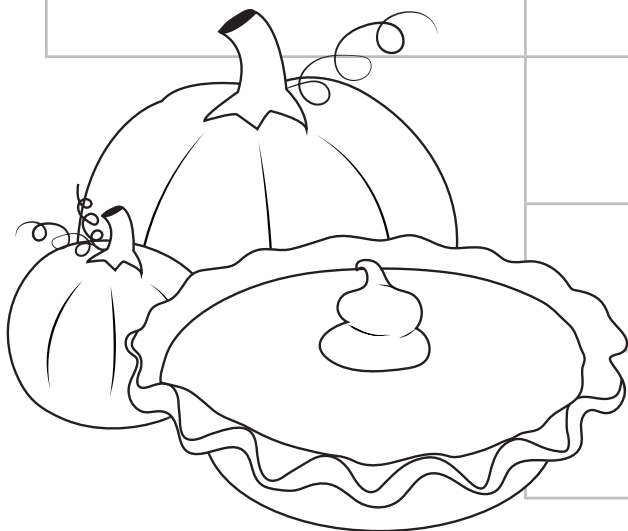
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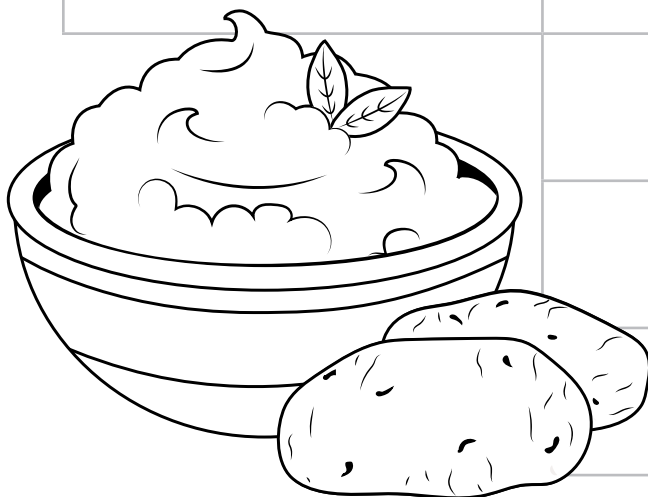
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Mashed Potatoes



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— Thanksgiving

t	h	a	n	k	s	g
i	v	i	n	g		

— Cranberry Sauce

c	r	a	n	b	e	r
r	y	s	a	u	c	e

— Pumpkin Pies

p	u	m	p	k	i	n
p	i	e	s			

— Mashed Potatoes

m	a	s	h	e	d	p
o	t	a	t	o	e	s

Word List (No Peeking!)

— Thanksgiving

visit	viking	vats	vat	vast	vanishing
vanish	van	this	thinking	think	things
thing	thin	thanks	thanksgiving	than	task
tanks	tank	tan	taking	tags	tag
stinking	stink	stinging	sting	staining	stain
stag	snag	skining	ski	skating	sit
sinking	sink	singing	sing	signing	sign
sighting	sight	sighing	sigh	shining	shin
shaking	saving	sat	sank	sang	sag
night	nag	knight	knight	kit	kings
insight	inn	ink	hit	his	hints
hint	hiking	having	hat	has	hang
gnat	giving	gig	giants	giant	gas
gaining	gag	asking	ask	ant	aging

— Cranberry Sauce

yes	use	uneasy	sync	sun	sub
sneer	seen	see	secure	secretly	scurry
scuba	scrub	screen	scene	scary	scare
scar	scan	scab	say	saucy	run
rub	rub	reuse	rear	rare	ran
aces	racers	racer	race	nursery	nurse
nearby	near	nab	eyes	eye	eraser
ensure	ease	earn	earner	earn	ear
cyan	curse	currency	cure	curbs	curb
cube	cubes	cube	cube	cry	crabs
crab	case	cars	careers	career	care
car	canes	cane	canary	can	cabs
cab	bye	buys	buyers	buyer	buy
busy	bus	bury	burns	burners	burner
burn	bun	bees	been	bee	because
bears	bear	beans	bean	berry	bay
base	barns	barn	ban	arrays	array
area	arc	any	acre	accuse	absence

— Pumpkin Pies

unds	spine	spin	spike	snip	skip
skin	skim	ski	skain	sip	sink
puppies	pup	puns	pun	dip	pins
pinkies	pinkie	pink	pinēs	pine	pin
pies	pie	pēp	pens	pēn	nip
mouse	minus	minks	mink	minis	mini
mine	menu	inks	ink	imp	emu

— Mashed Potatoes

tote	tossed	toss	top	tooth	too
tomato	toe	toasted	toast	toad	those
these	theme	tempted	tempt	tease	teapots
teamed	team	taste	tape	tap	tamed
tame	stop	stoops	stooped	stomps	stomped
steps	stem	steep	steamed	steam	states
stated	stampede	stamped	stamp	spotted	spot
speed	sped	soothe	some	soap	smoothes
smooth	smooshed	smoosh	smashed	smash	shop
shoe	sheet	sheep	shed	she	shapes
shaped	shampoo	shames	shade	seed	seated
seat	seam	sash	sap	same	sad
potted	pots	post	pose	poet	poem
photos	phase	petted	pets	pest	patted
pats	path	pasta	past	passed	pass
pad	motto	most	moss	mop	moose
mood	modest	moat	method	met	mess
meet	meat	math	mat	mashes	map
made	hot	hosted	host	hose	hoped
hope	hop	hooted	hoot	hoop	hood
homestead	home	hem	heated	heat	headset
head	hat	haste	has	ham	had
estate	emote	eats	east	ease	dots
dose	does	depths	demote	deep	date
dash	damp	ashes	ashamed	adopt	adapt



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