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THE STORYTELLER

MELT THE WORDS

20 PUZZLES · WITH ANSWERS

Take one letter away.

A brand-new word is left behind.

JUNIORS 5-8 · SENIORS 9+

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HOW TO PLAY

1

Read the word in the yellow box.

Say it out loud first.

2

Melt one letter away.

Remove a single letter - no swapping, no reordering.

3

Write what is left.

It has to be a real word. PORT melts into POT.

4

Juniors first, then seniors.

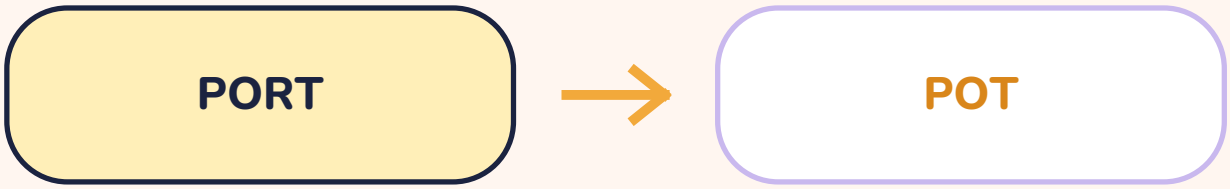
Ten puzzles each. Some seniors get a clue underneath.

A note for grown-ups

Removing a letter is harder than adding one: the child has to hear the word without it. If they are stuck, say the two words one after the other and let them find the difference.

THE IDEA

One letter melts away, and a new word is left.



Take the R out of PORT and you are left with POT.

That is the whole game.

MELT THE WORDS

Remove one letter and write the word that is left.

1. ROAD →
2. READ →
3. TAPE →
4. SOON →
5. CART →

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Remove one letter and write the word that is left.

6. SEAT →

7. TRAIN →

8. BRAKE →

9. GROOT →

10. TUBA →

MELT THE WORDS

Remove one letter and write the word that is left.

1. MEAT →

2. MORE →

3. NEWT →

clue: the opposite of old

4. CUTE →

5. FAST →

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Remove one letter and write the word that is left.

6. **CLIMB** →

7. **FOUR** →

clue: a preposition

8. **PEON** →

clue: a long period of time

9. **BURN** →

10. **FACT** →

ANSWERS

Melt the Words - all twenty.

Juniors

1. ROAD → **ROD**
2. READ → **RED**
3. TAPE → **TAP**
4. SOON → **SON**
5. CART → **CAR**
6. SEAT → **SEA**
7. TRAIN → **RAIN**
8. BRAKE → **BAKE**
9. GROOT → **ROOT**
10. TUBA → **TUB**

Seniors

1. MEAT → **MET**
2. MORE → **ORE**
3. NEWT → **NEW**
4. CUTE → **CUT**
5. FAST → **FAT**
6. CLIMB → **LIMB**
7. FOUR → **FOR**
8. PEON → **EON**
9. BURN → **URN**
10. FACT → **ACT**