

# Back to School Word Challenge



Word puzzles are a fun and challenging pastime for many people. They are a great activity for almost anyone, but especially those who enjoy words and word puzzles.

## Benefits

- Great cognitive exercise
- Familiar to most people
- Guidance helps the person be successful

## Prepare the Activity

Print out the pages and you're ready to go.

## Basic Preparation

It's easy to overlook, but the success of any activity can depend on some basic preparation.

### Preparation

- Is the person comfortable?
- Is the area free from distractions?
- Is the lighting in the room appropriate for this activity?
- If the person requires glasses, are they wearing them?  
Are they clean?

Refer to the "[Presenting an Activity, Start to Finish](#)" article on our website for more details.

When possible, you should demonstrate the activity first, showing what is expected while using as few words as possible to describe it. When you are finished the activity, thank the person for participating and ask if they would like to do it again sometime.

## Presenting the Activity

If the person is able to write, place a pen, marker or pencil on the table where the person will be working. If not, you do the writing.

1. Invite the person to work on a word puzzle with you. Place the first page (the four letter words) on the table in front of the person.
2. Ask them to read the instructions (or you read them out loud) and see if they start filling in the blanks. If they don't, do one yourself and say "Now you try". Explain the instructions if necessary.
3. When they have finished, encourage them to come up with more four letter words starting with "b" using the letters from "back to school".
4. If they enjoy that, ask them to find words that start with the other consonants in "back to school".
5. Repeat the activity with the five letter word list.

### Presenting

- Put the four letter word list and a pen or pencil on the table
- Invite the person to help you with a word puzzle
- Follow the instructions with the four letter words
- Repeat with the five letter word list

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If the person enjoyed this word puzzle they may enjoy our other word games and puzzles, including Word Searches, Sequenced Crossword puzzles and more. You can find them in the [Word Puzzles section of our website](#). They may also like [Expressions](#) or [Rhyming Expressions](#).



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# Hints and Word Lists

## Four Letter Words

**Answers to phrases:** bath, boat, bolt, book, both, bask, boot

Four letter words using the letters from “back to school”. Suggest phrases or clues to prompt the person to think of the word. For example, “What do you eat at a birthday party?”

cabs, cake, cash, cask, cast, cats, chat, clot, coal, coat, cock, colt, cook, cool, cost, cots

hack, halo, halt, hats, hobo, hoot, host

labs, lack, last, lath, lock, look, look, loos, lost, loto, lots

sack, salt, scab, scat, scot, slab, slat, slob, slot, soak, sock, solo, soot, stab

tabs, tack, taco, talc, talk, task, took, tool

## Five Letter Words

**Answers to phrases:** batch, black, blast, block, boost, booth, boast

Five letter words using the letters from “back to school”. Suggest phrases or clues to prompt the person to think of the word. For example, “What do you use to tell the time?”

backs, balks, baths, black, blahs, blast, bloat, block, blots, boast, boats, bolts, books, boost, booth, boots, botch

chalk, chats, chaos, chock, clack, clash, cloak, clock, cloth, clots, coach, coals, coast, coats, cocks, cocoa, colas, colts, cooks, cools

hacks, halos, halts, hobos, hocks, hooks, hoots, hosta

lacks, latch, loath, locks, looks, loots

scoot, shack, shalt, shoal, shock, shook, shoot, slack, sloth, sooth, stack, stalk, stock, stool

taboo, tacks, tacos, talcs, talks, tools

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## Four letter words

Fill in the answer to the expressions using only the letters in “back to school”. For example

the opposite of front is b a c k

girls like to soak in a bubble b \_ \_ \_

the wind moves a sail b \_ \_ \_

I heard thunder and saw a lightning b \_ \_ \_

I went to the library to borrow a b \_ \_ \_

not just one, b \_ \_ \_

cats like to b \_ \_ \_ in the sun

a work b \_ \_ \_ has a steel toe

Can you think of more 4 letter words that start with the letter “b” using only the letters in “back to school”?

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## Five letter words

Fill in the answer to the expressions using only the letters in “back to school”. For example

Remake the recipe and this time don't b \_ \_ \_ \_ it!

Let's mix up a b \_ \_ \_ \_ of cookies

Before colour television, we watched on b \_ \_ \_ \_ and white sets

At a rocket launch, after the countdown is the b \_ \_ \_ \_ off!

He's just like his father, he's a chip off the old b \_ \_ \_ \_.

To climb a fence, you might ask your friend to give you a b \_ \_ \_ \_

Superman changed his clothes in a telephone b \_ \_ \_ \_

After winning the race, he liked to b \_ \_ \_ \_ that he was fastest

Can you think of more 5 letter words that start with the letter “b” using only the letters in “back to school”?