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Word Wizard: Teacher Notes

Suggested activities:

- Spelling/Tricky words: teacher vs pupils – how many times can pupils write a certain word *correctly* vs teacher writing the same word on the board with their left/other hand in one minute?
- Months: working in pairs, pupils act out an activity done in a certain month, others have to guess which month it is.
- Compounds: play 'hangman' using only compound words – pupils get an extra point for being able to say which two words make up the compound word.
- Contractions: pupils make up pairs of cards with contractions on one and the full form on the other. They can then play 'pelmanism' or 'snap!' with them to match the full form to the contraction.
- Pupil worksheets available separately for download.

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Word Wizard (1)

Look at the Word Wizard at the end of the dictionary.

1. Use the 'Colours and Shapes' on page 167 to answer these questions:

- a) How many sides does a *pentagon* have? _____
- b) What is the *grey* shape called? _____
- c) What kind of shape is a *cone*? _____

2. Use the 'Prefixes' on page 173 to help you make a word to mean:

- a) *not tidy* _____
- b) *electronic book* _____
- c) *smaller skirt* _____

3. Use the 'Opposites' on page 175 to help you find the antonym for:

- a) *smooth* _____
- b) *thick* _____
- c) *above* _____





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Word Wizard (2)

Use the 'Compounds' on page 172 to draw a line between two words to make a new compound word. Draw one of your new words in the box below.

sun

gull

rain

flower

news

bow

sea

day

birth

paper