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# Making Words

**Directions:** Unscramble the strip of letters at the bottom of the page. Try to move the letters around to make 3-letter words. How many words can you make? Write them in the box. Can you make any four-letter words? Five-letter words? Can you make any other words? Can you guess the SECRET PHRASE all these letters make?

<b>Three-letter Words:</b>	<b>Four-Letter Words:</b>
<b>Five-letter Words:</b>	<b>Other words:</b>

Students: total up how many words you have... you must have at least 35 words!

Total words
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Do you know the secret phrase?

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Unscramble these letters:

A	E	I	I	O	F	G	H	K	M	N	N	R	R	S	S	T	T	T	T
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*Clue: SBAC Testing VY[]bg this week. Make gi fY'h\Uh you're here every day on time, don't be nervous, fY'U ž do your best and...*

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**READ THE PASSAGE** Think about the evidence that the author gives to support her claims.

### Dog Park Proposal

Our dogs need a place to play! It's time to create a dog park in Oakwood. Musket Field at the corner of Oak Street and Prospect Avenue is the perfect location for the new dog park.

Why do we need a dog park? People in Oakwood love dogs. There are dogs living in three out of every five homes in Oakwood. That's higher than the national average!

Why Musket Field? First of all, there are 21 public baseball fields in Oakwood. These fields are empty an average of 40 percent of the time from 8 AM to 8 PM. One less field will not hurt the baseball teams. Secondly, for years, Musket Field has been the least popular playing field in Oakwood, mainly because of how poorly it drains. In fact, most residents don't even know the field's real name. They only know it by the nickname "Mudpit Field." Converting the field to a dog park would include leveling the ground and laying down gravel, which would improve drainage and eliminate a community eyesore.

Where will the money come from? The Friends of Oakwood Dogs have already raised 30 percent of the predicted costs. A citizens' fundraising drive will generate another 25 percent of the funds. The remaining cost could come from the Oakwood Community Recreation Fund.

Please attend the community board meeting on March 14 and voice your support for the Oakwood Dog Park. Speak up for our dogs, because they can't speak for themselves!

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- Which piece of evidence supports the idea that a dog park is needed in Oakwood?
  - Musket Field is often muddy.
  - Baseball fields are empty 40 percent of the time.
  - A community board meeting will take place in March.
  - Three of every five Oakwood homes have dogs.
- The author mentions that Musket Field is *not* a popular baseball field to prove that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - baseball is not popular in Oakwood
  - dogs enjoy playing in the mud
  - its location is a good choice for a dog park
  - dog parks are inexpensive to build
- The goal of the passage is to persuade readers to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - support a plan to create a new dog park
  - change how the community spends recreation funds
  - give money to the Oakwood recreation fund
  - play baseball in Musket Field more often
- What evidence supports the idea that the dog park will be more attractive than the current field?
  - Some money has already been raised.
  - The plan will improve drainage in the park.
  - There are 21 baseball fields in Oakwood.
  - Dogs are a popular pet in Oakwood.

**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Before you read the passage, write a question you have about the topic. If you find the answer as you read, write it, too.

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