Spelling Ball

Players: 2

You need: Spelling Balls from page 24 (copy, mount on tagboard, and cut out), ball, round trash basket (or cardboard box), masking tape

How to play: With masking tape, mark a throwing line about four feet from the wastebasket (or cardboard box). Place the Spelling Balls in a paper bag.

1. The first player tries to throw the ball into the basket (or box). If the ball goes in, the second player chooses a word from the bag for the first player to spell.
2. Players alternate turns, throwing the ball and spelling words until the bag is empty.
3. One point is awarded for each correctly spelled word. The player with the most points wins.

Other ways to play this game: Copy the blank Spelling Ball below and make balls for other words that share the spelling patterns of the Basic Words, such as man, mad, pan, and bat. Use these balls to play an extended version of Spelling Ball, or have children place the balls face down and play Concentration by matching rhyming pairs.
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Use: For use with Unit 4.