How to make: Title the bulletin board “Word Detectives.” Cut out a detective figure with a magnifying glass. Cut out a dog figure. Add a thought bubble with the words, *How are these words alike?* Provide a word card for each Basic Word. Organize word cards from a particular unit in one bag. Label the bags by skill or by unit. Provide pushpins.

How to use: Have children complete the activity in pairs or small groups. You can have children focus on the words in one unit or several units at a time. One child chooses 5–7 word cards. The child then thinks of a way to sort the words and attaches the word cards to the bulletin board in categories. The other children try to guess the categories. Remind players to return the word cards to the correct bag after play. To make this easier, code each card with the unit number on the back.