

Monster Motion Connect Four

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Monster Motion Connect Four Board

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crawl crawled crawling	flounder flounded floundering	back backed backing	flap flapped flapping	promenade promenaded promenading	ride rode riding
lope loped loping	tip toe tip toed tiptoeing	turn round turned round turning round	skip skipped skipping	trot trotted trotting	stride strode striding
walk walked walking	dawdle dawdled dawdling	fly flew flying	rush rushed rushing	amble ambled ambling	slink slink slinking
creep crept creeping	swim swam swimming	slip slipped slipping	speed sped speeding	skate skated skating	sidle sidled sidling
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This activity grew out of work on the Malfeasance and was inspired by Erica Field and the Rochdale EAL team. It was also influenced by our Aliens literacy activities. These are primarily designed to celebrate language diversity and scaffold the creativity that emerges from talking together. We provide opportunities for writing when children feel the need to record their work collaboratively. This activity will kickstart creative writing; it certainly required a fair amount of thinking up and recording ideas to produce it! We hope you will be encouraged to produce more and better monster cards and share them with us to share with others.

Currently the green monsters express the same views on their motions as the red monsters so we welcome your input, so that red and green can express different views as long as they employ every verb of motion we have found so far plus any we have not tracked down yet but that you will suggest. Our apologies that we didn't use "squeeze" or "wiggle", which is probably (we flatter ourselves!) why SATs writers chose it to befuddle their most recent victims. They are now added. So be our thesaurus and come up with more to add to the game

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Teacher Instructions

The Connect Four Game Board needs to be enlarged to A3. The monster/blob/jellyfish/fungus cards need to be printed on card and will fit on the A3 board.

The game is best played with two teams of two: the red team and the green team. Shuffle the cards and place them upside down. Take turns to pick a card and place it on the board. First team to get four in the row vertically, horizontally or diagonally is the winner. A more complex variation allows players to cover their opponents monsters if they have the same verb/noun but this only works well when groups get on well together!

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Words we have used:

amble	ride	walk
back	run	weave
bestir	rush	wriggle
bounce	sidle	
climb	skate	
crawl	skip	
creep	slink	
cycle	slip	
dash	slither	
dawdle	speed	
flap	squeeze	
flounce	stop	
flounder	stride	
fly	swim	
hop	tiptoe	
lope	trot	
march	turn round	
promenade		

Words we have not used yet:

bound
dart
gallop
limp
pad
pound
scarper
scrape
slide
skulk
sneak
trundle
wade
walk
writhe
zoom

Can you send us some more?

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Monster Motion Connect Four Red and Green Cards

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Ugg bestirred himself and tried to scare us by jumping up and down



Ghastly slunk into the room and slipped under the table to hide.



Grollop likes to tip toe everywhere and never skates or walks.



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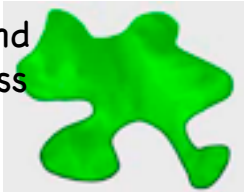
Blob flew around the garden and then crept under a bush.



Spike floundered across the table and rushed under the teapot.



Stain is fond of running and striding across the fields



Clammy aqeezed through a tiny gap between the wall and the hedge.



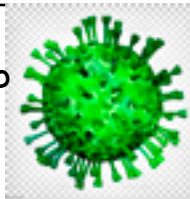
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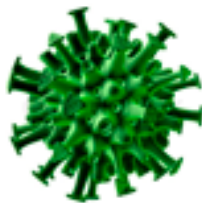
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Rash eats cheese while cycling and skating on ice.

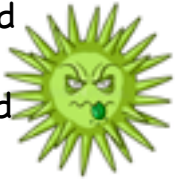


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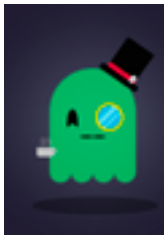
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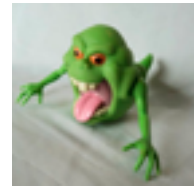
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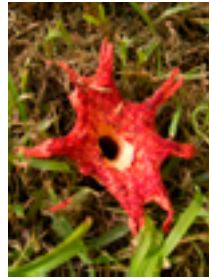
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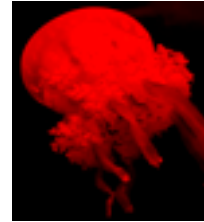
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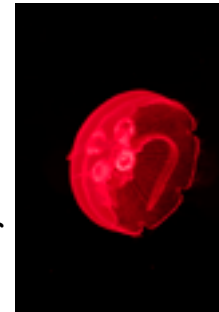
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