Literacy Work Stations: “Places in the City”

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*AND [https://mnliteracy.org/tools/curriculum-lesson-plans/pre-beginning-esl](https://mnliteracy.org/tools/curriculum-lesson-plans/pre-beginning-esl)*

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Directions to make Workstation contents

You will need cards for three separate activities: vocabulary, comprehension, and phonemic awareness. Each station will have an answer key, as well as the cards. Students at an earlier level can use the keys, and more advanced can flip them over and work independently.

**Vocabulary**

1. Trim excess white space off the answer key. Laminate the answer key.
2. Cut out the vocabulary cards. The pictures should be separate from the words. This will leave you 14 individual cards. The cards will also be laminated (before or after cutting, depending on your laminating machine).

**Comprehension**

1. Trim excess white space off the answer key. Laminate the answer key.
2. Cut out the individual sentence cards. They are color-coded to match the key. Like the vocabulary cards, they will be laminated.

**Phonemic awareness**

1. Trim excess white space off the answer key. Make sure the answer key is the narrower table, as it will be easier for students who need the key to see the words they are forming. Laminate the key.
2. The wider table is for the individual cards. Like the vocabulary cards, they should be individually cut up to make 16 separate cards that will be laminated.

**Phonics**

- See general teacher instructions for information on how to set up the phonics station.

**Target Word Families, Letters/Sounds and Vocabulary:**

**Word Family** (bank, tank, sank, thank)

**Word Family** (far, bar, car, jar)

**Word Family** (park, dark, bark, shark)

**Target Letters/Sounds:** /k/, /l/, /n/, /s/ (watch out for some words with /sh/)

**Vowel:** short i

**Vocabulary:** city, house, bank, laundromat, park, clinic, close, far

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Janet lives in the city. She lives in a house. There are many places close to her house.

There is a bank. There are two Laundromats. There is a big park. But there is no grocery store. She wants a grocery store. There is no clinic. The clinic is far. She takes the bus to the clinic.
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