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POP WORDS

Popcorn is noisy! Fill each kernel with a word that sounds like popping, crunching or munching. Two are done for you.

BIG WORD **Onomatopoeia** (on-uh-mat-uh-PEE-uh) is a word that sounds like the noise it names. Say it out loud: **POP!**

POP!

CRUNCH

A SILLY SENTENCE

Use two of your pop words in a silly sentence about Sam's party.

LEVEL UP Find a pop word in the book. Which page? _____

WHY DOES IT POP?

Every popcorn kernel has a tiny drop of water inside its hard shell. When the kernel gets hot, the water turns into steam. The steam pushes and pushes until the shell bursts open. **POP!**

DO THE POPCORN DANCE

You're the kernel! Have a grown-up read each step out loud while you act it out.

1 CURL UP SMALL

Squeeze into a tiny ball on the floor.
You're a hard little kernel.

2 FEEL THE HEAT

The pan is getting hot! Start to wiggle, jiggle and shake.

3 STEAM BUILDS UP

The steam inside is pushing. Squeeze tight... tighter... tighter!

4 POP!

Jump up as big and fluffy as you can and shout POP!

POPCORN FREEZE DANCE

A grown-up plays music while you do the popcorn dance. When they yell **POP!**, freeze! If you don't wobble, color in a kernel.



ROUND 1



ROUND 2



ROUND 3



ROUND 4



ROUND 5

POPCORN TASTE TEST

Have a grown-up make four kinds of popcorn (butter, kettle corn, cheddar, and one that's your choice). Taste each one and circle a score from 1 to 5 on each element below (salty, sweet, buttery, crunchy). Then ask each member of your family which popcorn they liked best and color in the graph to find out the family favorite.

Official popcorn judge _____
YOUR NAME GOES HERE

	BUTTER	KETTLE CORN	CHEDDAR	YOUR PICK
SALTY	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
SWEET	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
BUTTERY	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
CRUNCHY	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤

FAMILY FAVORITE

Ask each person in your family which popcorn they liked best. Color one box for each answer.

6				
5				
4				
3				
2				
1				
	BUTTER	KETTLE CORN	CHEDDAR	YOUR PICK
	yellow	pink	orange	you choose

COSTUME MASH-UP

Sam's guests all came in costume! Roll a die four times, once for each box, to build a silly party guest. Then draw who you made.

ROLL 1: I AM...

- ☐ a witch
- ☐ a vampire
- ☐ a pirate
- ☐ a pumpkin
- ☐ a friendly ghost
- ☐ a superhero

ROLL 2: WEARING...

- ☐ a sparkly tutu
- ☐ rain boots
- ☐ a giant crown
- ☐ heart sunglasses
- ☐ a bow tie
- ☐ bunny slippers

ROLL 3: RIDING...

- ☐ a broom
- ☐ a skateboard
- ☐ a unicorn
- ☐ a rocket
- ☐ a giant pumpkin
- ☐ a popcorn cart

ROLL 4: AND I LOVE...

- ☐ butter popcorn
- ☐ kettle corn
- ☐ cheddar popcorn
- ☐ caramel popcorn
- ☐ chocolate drizzle popcorn
- ☐ rainbow sprinkle popcorn

I am _____ wearing _____
riding _____ and I love _____ !

DRAW YOUR CHARACTER

LEVEL UP Give your character a name: _____

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POPCORN JOKES

Read each joke to someone in your family. Can they guess the punchline? Flip the page to find out!

1

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Butter.

Butter who?

Butter open up, the
popcorn's getting cold!

2

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Pop.

Pop who?

Pop on in, the
party's starting!

3

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Corn.

Corn who?

Corn you let me in?
I brought popcorn!

4

What does a ghost put on
its popcorn?

Boo-ter!

WRITE YOUR OWN POPCORN JOKE

POPCORN TRIVIA

True or false? Color in the bubble you think is right. Then check your answers on the next page.

1 Popcorn is a whole grain.

☐

TRUE

☐

FALSE

2 Any kind of corn will pop if you heat it.

☐

TRUE

☐

FALSE

3 Popcorn pops because of air trapped inside.

☐

TRUE

☐

FALSE

4 A kernel can jump up to 3 feet high when it pops.

☐

TRUE

☐

FALSE

5 Popped popcorn comes in two shapes: snowflake and mushroom.

☐

TRUE

☐

FALSE

6 Kernels that don't pop are called "old maids."

☐

TRUE

☐

FALSE

7 People started eating popcorn less than 100 years ago.

☐

TRUE

☐

FALSE

8 Popcorn is the official state snack of Illinois.

☐

TRUE

☐

FALSE

QUIZ A GROWN-UP Write your own popcorn fact: _____

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ANSWER KEY

Grown-ups, read these out loud! How many did you get right?

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- 1 Popcorn is a whole grain.
TRUE. A popcorn kernel is the whole seed of the corn plant, so it's a whole grain, just like oatmeal.
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- 2 Any kind of corn will pop if you heat it.
FALSE. Only a special kind of corn, called popcorn, has a shell strong enough to pop. Corn on the cob won't!
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- 3 Popcorn pops because of air trapped inside.
FALSE. It's water! The tiny drop inside turns to steam and bursts the shell open.
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- 4 A kernel can jump up to 3 feet high when it pops.
TRUE. That's about as high as your kitchen counter!
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- 5 Popped popcorn comes in two shapes: snowflake and mushroom.
TRUE. Snowflake popcorn is big and fluffy with wings. Mushroom popcorn is round, like a little ball.
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- 6 Kernels that don't pop are called "old maids."
TRUE. It's a funny old name for the kernels left at the bottom of the bowl.
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- 7 People started eating popcorn less than 100 years ago.
FALSE. People have been popping popcorn for thousands of years!
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- 8 Popcorn is the official state snack of Illinois.
TRUE. Illinois picked popcorn as its official state snack. Does your state have one?
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I got _____ out of 8 right!

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