B/D Discrimination Practice

B and d are true mirror images of each other, which is why mixing them up is so common and so normal — from the child-confuses-b-and-d guide.

Name: _____ Date: _____

How to use this worksheet

1. "B" = bat, then ball: the stick comes first, the circle is on the right. "D" = drum: draw the round part first, then the stick on the right.
2. On page 1, say each word from the answer key out loud (several could be read either way, like big/dig), then your child circles the letter that completes it.
3. On page 2, read each word, then write it on the line — b and d words are mixed on purpose so your child practices telling them apart, not just recognizing one at a time.
4. Use the "bed" trick for a fast check: in "bed" the sticks of b and d stand at the ends like a headboard and footboard, with the round parts facing in.

Example — this is what a correct answer looks like:

bed bed

Tip

With consistent practice, most children stop confusing b and d within 2-4 weeks. Occasional slips while writing quickly are still normal after that.

Circle the Right Letter

Your grown-up says the word (answer key below). Circle b or d to complete it.

___ed	b	d	___ig	b	d
___og	b	d	___en	b	d
___at	b	d	___un	b	d
___ad	b	d	___ot	b	d

Answer key: bed, dog, bat, dad, big, den, bun, dot

Write & Read — B and D Together

Read each word out loud, then write it on the line.

b-ed _____	b-un _____
d-og _____	d-ot _____
b-at _____	b-ag _____
d-ad _____	d-ig _____
b-ig _____	b-us _____
d-en _____	d-ip _____