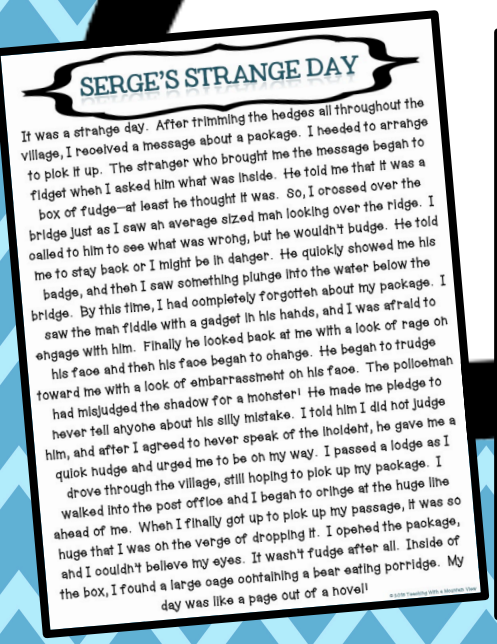
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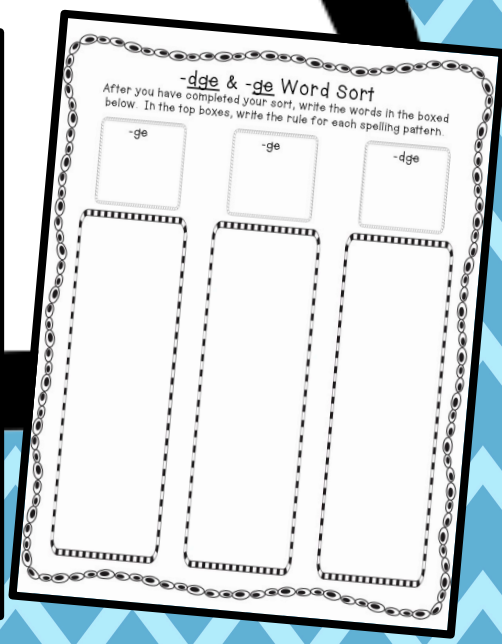
Word Sort & Story



SERGE'S STRANGE DAY

It was a strange day. After trimming the hedges all throughout the village, I received a message about a package. I needed to arrange to pick it up. The stranger who brought me the message began to fidget when I asked him what was inside. He told me that it was a box of fudge—at least he thought it was. So, I crossed over the bridge just as I saw an average sized man looking over the ridge. I called to him to see what was wrong, but he wouldn't budge. He told me to stay back or I might be in danger. He quickly showed me his badge, and then I saw something plunge into the water below the bridge. By this time, I had completely forgotten about my package. I saw the man fiddle with a gadget in his hands, and I was afraid to engage with him. Finally he looked back at me with a look of rage on his face and then his face began to change. He began to trudge toward me with a look of embarrassment on his face. The policeman had misjudged the shadow for a monster! He made me pledge to never tell anyone about his silly mistake. I told him I did not judge him, and after I agreed to never speak of the incident, he gave me a quick nudge and urged me to be on my way. I passed a lodge as I drove through the village, still hoping to pick up my package. I walked into the post office and I began to cringe at the huge line ahead of me. When I finally got up to pick up my passage, it was so huge that I was on the verge of dropping it. I opened the package, and I couldn't believe my eyes. It wasn't fudge after all. Inside of the box, I found a large cage containing a bear eating porridge. My day was like a page out of a novel!





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-ge

-dge

-ge

The /j/ sound is spelled -ge after a long vowel.

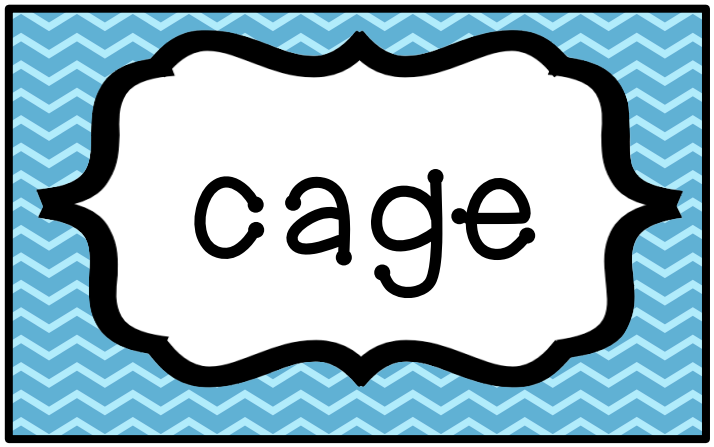
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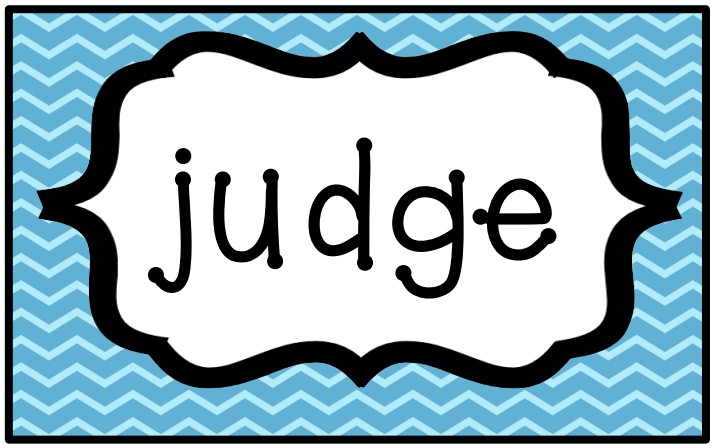
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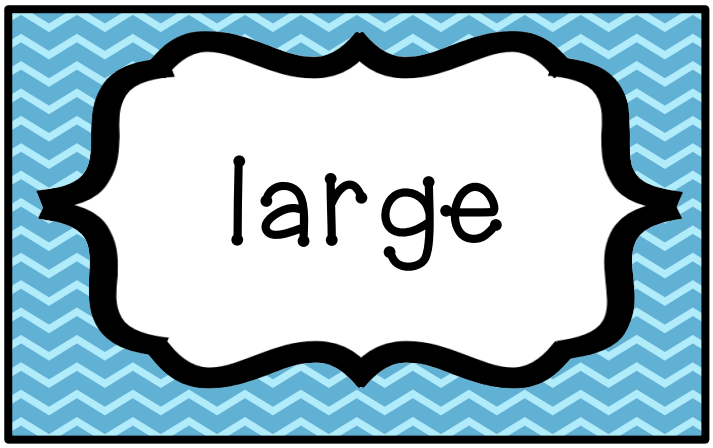
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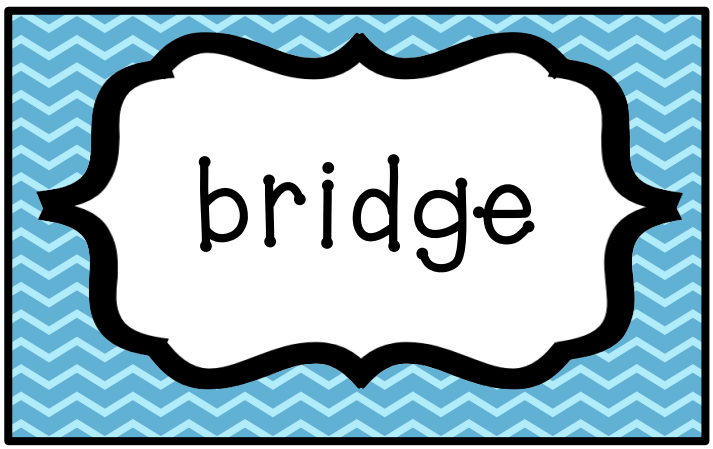


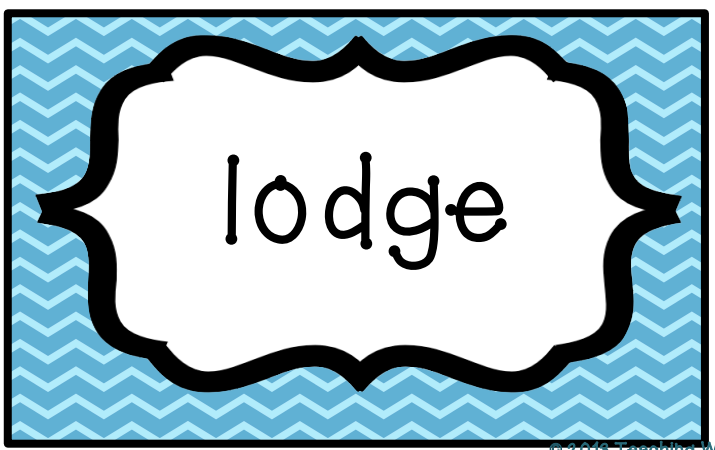


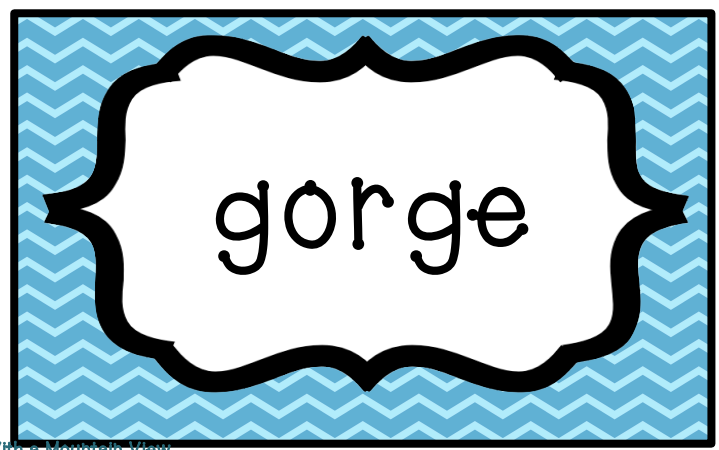












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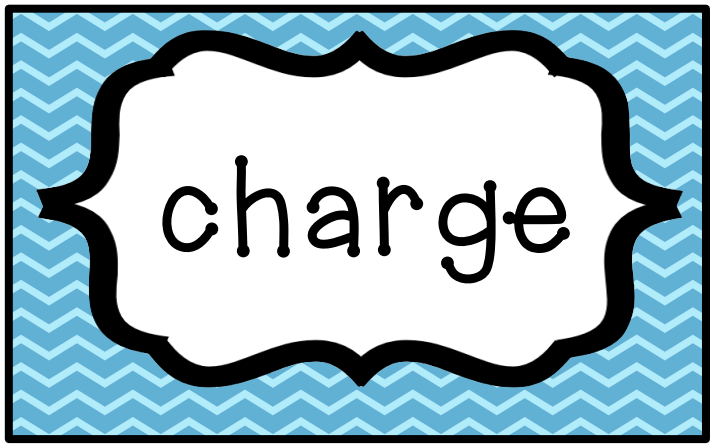
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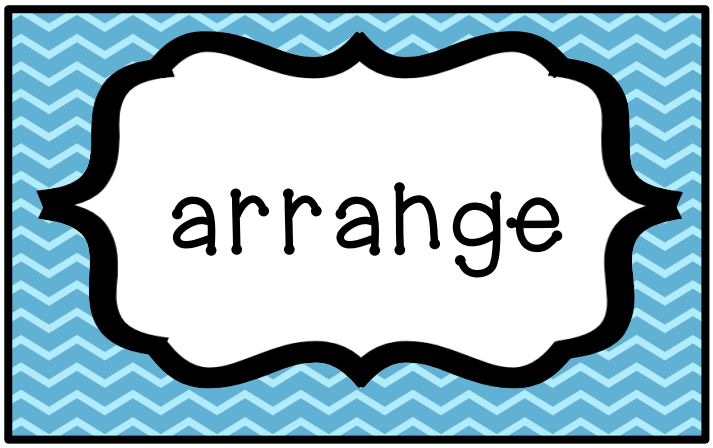
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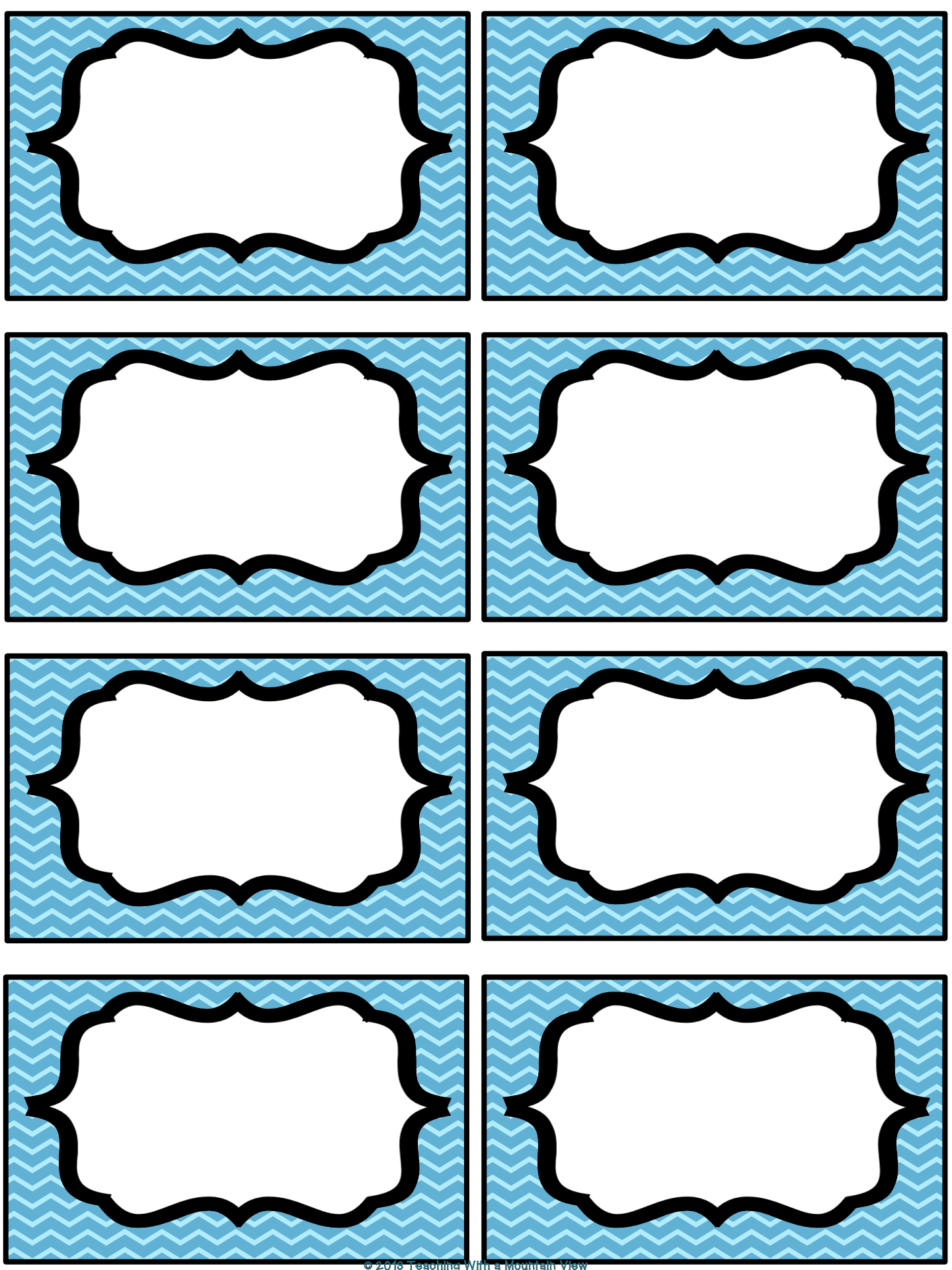








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-dge & -ge Word Sort

After you have completed your sort, write the words in the boxes below. In the top boxes, write the rule for each spelling pattern.

-ge	-ge	-dge

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