Thought Builders

Students join and choose words to make complete thoughts.

1.L.GC.2 "Syntax: Recognize and compose coherent sentences that express complete thoughts."

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 JOIN WORDS

Birds	•	• **swim**
Fish	•	• **cry**
Babies	•	• **fly**

2 FINISH IT

a	**sleeps**	**tiny**	**green**
b	**happy**	**jumps**	**red**
c	**loud**	**small**	**play**

ANSWER KEY # Thought Builders

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read directions aloud. The listed Join Words key pairs are examples, not the only answers. Accept any coherent complete subject-action combination; hear the sentence and ask for its meaning if needed. The same right word may be used more than once.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · JOIN WORDS

SAY "Join each left word to a right word that makes a complete thought. Say your sentence and explain its meaning if needed. You may use a right word again; more than one combination can work."

- **Birds** matches **fly**
- **Fish** matches **swim**
- **Babies** matches **cry**

PART 2 · FINISH IT

SAY "Listen to the words I say for each row. Which choice can join the words you hear to make a complete thought? Circle that word."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: "The cat." The choices are sleeps, tiny, and green. Which word can join "The cat" to make a complete thought? Circle that word.	**sleeps**
b	Listen: "A boy." The choices are happy, jumps, and red. Which word can join "A boy" to make a complete thought? Circle that word.	**jumps**
c	Listen: "We." The choices are loud, small, and play. Which word can join "We" to make a complete thought? Circle that word.	**play**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Join Words examples: Birds fly, Fish swim, Babies cry. Also accept coherent alternatives such as Birds swim (ducks), Birds cry, or Babies swim, with meaning explained where needed. Judge the actual complete thought, not only these examples. Finish It answers remain sleeps, jumps, play.