



How to make: Title the bulletin board “Watch Closely!” Cut nine stopwatches from colored construction paper. Near the center of eight of the stopwatches, write *oo*, *ew*, *augh*, *ough*, *er*, *le*, *a*, and *be*. Near the center of the ninth stopwatch, draw a large apostrophe. Around the edge of each watch face, write the Basic Word parts shown in the illustration. Fasten the stopwatches to the board, placing a pushpin outside each letter or letter group. Add one more pushpin in the center of each watch, and tie one or two pieces of colored yarn to it, as shown.

How to use: Have students wind the free ends of the yarn around the pushpins, making Basic Words by connecting letters with the center spelling patterns. Then ask students to write the complete words they have made and check them against their word lists. Students may add letters to the watches to make additional words. Have students check these words in their class dictionary.