

Name _____

Real Or Silly Answer Key

Real words to circle: **hand, sand, bend, wind, land, send**

Silly words to cross out: tond, fild, pind, rond, smend, glond

Teacher's Guide

- This activity helps students strengthen **decoding** and **real word awareness** by distinguishing meaningful **-nd** words from invented ones.
- Encourage students to say each word aloud and listen closely for whether it sounds like a real English word they recognize.
- For differentiation, review a few sample **real vs. nonsense** pairs before beginning or allow students to use picture cues for known words like **hand** or **sand**.
- For extension, challenge students to create two real **-nd** words and two silly ones of their own, then swap with a partner to sort.