

Short Vowel Sounds CVC

How to use: Print first for the main practice. Then use the device to repeat activities and save progress.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Identify the short vowel sound in the middle of a CVC word
- 2 Match a CVC word to its short vowel: a, e, i, o, or u

MINI LESSON

Every word has a vowel inside it — and in short CVC words, that vowel makes a quick, clipped sound.

What is a CVC word?

- CVC stands for Consonant – Vowel – Consonant.
- Example: cat c (consonant) + a (vowel) + t (consonant).
- The vowel in the middle is always a short sound.

The five short vowel sounds

- a — like in cat, bag, map
- e — like in pet, bed, hen
- i — like in sit, pin, big
- o — like in hot, dog, top
- u — like in cup, run, bug

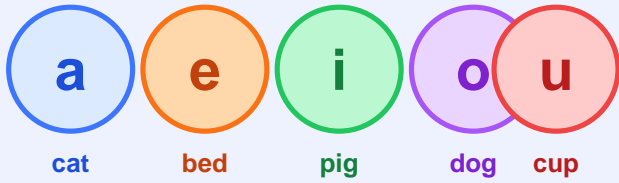
How to find the vowel sound

- Say the word slowly: c – a – t.
- Listen to the middle sound — that is your vowel.
- Use the Sound Pad to hear each short vowel out loud.

VOCABULARY

CVC word	A three-letter word in the pattern Consonant – Vowel – Consonant <i>e.g. cat, pet, sit, hot, cup</i>
Short vowel	A quick, clipped vowel sound — a, e, i, o, or u in the middle of a CVC word <i>e.g. the a in cat, the u in bug</i>

The Five Short Vowels



Listen to the middle sound

a e i o u

cat · bed · pig · dog · cup

C · V · C 'one word



cat

! Ask yourself: "What is the middle sound in this word? Which short vowel matches — a, e, i, o, or u?"

GUIDED PRACTICE — MINI-BOOK

MINI-BOOK

Sam and the Big Red Pot

PAGE 1

Sam has a big red pot. He puts it on the top of the stove.

1

PAGE 2

The pot gets hot. Sam lifts the lid and looks in.

2

PAGE 3

Sam dips a cup in and stirs. It smells so good!

3

PAGE 4

"Yum!" says Sam. He sits and eats. The big red pot did a good job.

4

~ The End ~

PRACTICE — FLIP CARDS

First, read each pair of cards from front to back. Then cover the right (Back) column with your hand and try to recall the answer for each one.

FRONT

1.

cat

BACK

short a · c – a – t

2.	pet	short e · p – e – t
3.	sit	short i · s – i – t
4.	hot	short o · h – o – t
5.	cup	short u · c – u – p
6.	bag	short a · b – a – g
7.	bed	short e · b – e – d
8.	pin	short i · p – i – n
9.	dog	short o · d – o – g
10.	run	short u · r – u – n
11.	map	short a · m – a – p
12.	hen	short e · h – e – n
13.	big	short i · b – i – g
14.	top	short o · t – o – p
15.	bug	short u · b – u – g

EXERCISES — MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What does CVC stand for?

- Color – Vowel – Color
- Consonant – Vowel – Consonant
- Consonant – Vowel – Count

2. Which group shows all five short vowels?

- a, e, i, o, u
- a, b, c, d, e
- a, e, o, s, t

3. Where is the vowel in a CVC word?

- At the beginning
- At the end
- In the middle

4. What short vowel sound is in the word cat?

- short e
- short a
- short i

5. What short vowel sound is in the word cup?

- short o
- short a
- short u

6. What short vowel sound is in the word pet?

- short e
- short u
- short o

7. What short vowel sound is in the word big?

- short e
- short i
- short a

8. Which group of words all have the short o sound?

- bag, map, ran
- bed, hen, leg
- dog, hot, top

9. What is the best way to find the vowel sound in a CVC word?

- Say the word slowly and listen to the middle sound
- Count the number of letters in the word
- Look at the first letter only

10. Which group of words all have the short u sound?

- pin, sit, big
- run, bug, mud
- cat, bag, map

"Flip the page upside down to see the answer key"

1.b 2.a 3.c 4.b 5.c 6.a 7.b 8.c 9.a 10.b

ASSESSMENT

PARENT / TEACHER CHECKLIST

- Points to the middle letter of a CVC word and says its short vowel sound correctly
- Sorts CVC word cards into the correct vowel group (a, e, i, o, u)
- Reads at least 8 CVC words aloud with the correct short vowel sound
- Writes a CVC word on paper and circles the vowel in the middle without prompting