

40-Word CVC Starter List

Short-vowel practice words for Kindergarten

Each word has one beginning sound, one short vowel, and one ending sound.

Example: Point to c, a, and t. Say each sound, then blend to read the word.

Short A

20 words

cat	bat
hat	map
cap	bag
can	fan
jam	man
mat	nap
rag	ran
rat	sad
sat	tag
tap	van

Short E

5 words

bed
hen
jet
net
wet

Short I

5 words

bin
fin
pin
sit
win

Short O

5 words

dog
hop
log
mop
top

Short U

5 words

bug
bus
cup
sun
tub

Suggested teaching order

1. Say and stretch the word.
2. Blend, then read it whole.
3. Build or write one word from dictation.