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- Consonant Blends • Short and Long Vowels - Word Families • and More!


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## About This Book

As children expand their literacy horizons to become readers, they need many different skills and strategies to achieve success. Among the instructional approaches that can help children unlock the mysteries of print is phonics instruction. This book includes games, puzzles, hands-on activities, and mini-books that offer practice in recognizing some of the basic sound-letter relationships children need in decoding, reading comprehension, writing, and spelling. The book is designed to engage children with hands-on activities that are lively and fun to do.

## Meeting the Standards-Supporting RTI

The activities in this book also help meet key state and national language arts standards (see below), and can used to support the Response to Intervention (RTI) efforts in your school. RTI, a federal initiative, is a three-tier intervention approach in which educators provide early screening and specific, targeted intervention, particularly in reading, for students at risk. Conceived as a prevention model, the goal of RTI is to achieve success for all students. This book provides many activities for you to choose from so that you can support the varied instructional needs of your students.

## Connections to the Language Arts Standards

The activities in this book support the following language arts standards for students in grades K-2, as outlined by Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McRel). McRel is a nationally recognized, nonprofit organization that collects and synthesizes national and state PreK-12 curriculum standards and proposes what teachers should provide for their students to grow proficient in language arts, among other curriculum areas.

Uses the general skills and strategies of the reading process including:

* Knows uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet
* Uses mental images based on pictures and print to aid in comprehension of text
* Uses basic elements of phonetic analysis (for example, common letter/ sound relationships, beginning and ending consonants, vowel sounds, blends, word patterns) to decode unknown words.
* Uses basic elements of structural analysis such as spelling patterns to decode unknown words

Source: Kendall, J. S., \& Marzano, R. J. (2004). Content knowledge: A compendium of standards and benchmarks for K-12 education. Aurora, CO: Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning. Online database: http://www.mcrel.org/standards-benchmarks/

## Management Tips

- To complete various activities, children will need scissors, pencils, glue sticks, crayons or colored pencils, staplers, and brass fasteners.
* While some children will be able to do these activities independently, others may require more help getting started. Whether you introduce the pages to individual children, small groups, or the whole class, read the instructions aloud in advance. It's also helpful to model how to complete each activity.
* Assist children in cutting out patterns, as needed, or do this in advance.
* Children can play many of the games independently. Others are more fun or work better with a partner. You may wish to pair children for different purposes.
* You'll find tips for specific activities, as well as the answers for each page, in the Teaching Notes that begin on page 7 .


## Extending Learning

* Build on what children have learned by extending an activity. For example:
- After completing Turn and Learn (page 48) or Make Snakes (page 90), have children use each word in a sentence. To extend At the Shop (page 82), challenge children to think of other items to add to each shop window.
- Invite children to create new activity pages based on ones in the book. They might draw and cut out new food puzzles beginning with specified letters as they did in Food Puzzles (page 37), or create new crossword puzzles for classmates to solve once they have completed Short Vowel Crosswords (page 75).
- Use Words on a Web (page 120) as a springboard for helping children make webs for other word families, as well as consonants, blends, and vowel sounds.
- Make an interactive bulletin-board center based on On the Tree (page 92). Create a multi-branched tree from brown construction paper and affix to the board at children's eye level. Choose the phonics skill you would like children to practice and gather pictures of words (from this book or old workbooks) whose names contain the target skill. Then prepare simple leaf cutouts, paste the pictures to the leaves, and place in a basket near the board. Post simple directions and invite children to visit the center in pairs or small groups and work together to tack the correct leaves to the tree.
* Relate the activities and mini-books to other curriculum areas. For example, you might use Tale of Tails (page 41) in a science unit on animals, while What's in the Truck? (page 86) lends itself to a unit on transportation.
* Each skill area includes a mini-book. Encourage children to take their minibooks home to share with their families. Place an extra copy in your classroom library. And for activity pages children are particularly proud of, you might compile send-home booklets.
* Work with children to create word cards from the pages they complete. Use them for word walls or place in a pocket chart so that children can look at them often as they familiarize themselves with sound-letter relationships.


## Teaching Notes

On the following pages, you'll find teaching tips for completing selected pages, as well as the answers for each page.

## Alphabet

page 22
Match-a-Letter Game
For this game, each pair of children will need a penny, two game markers (different-colored beans or buttons work well), and one set of uppercase letter cards (page 23).

## page 24

## Give a Dog a Bone!

Answers: See thumbnail of completed page at right.

## page 25 <br> ABC Picture Puzzle

Answer: Children should connect the dots to find a clown

## page 26

## Hidden Letter Surprise



Answer: Children should end up with the letter V.

## page 27

## ABC Animals

Answers: camel, dog, elephant, fish, horse, lion, octopus, pig, snake, turkey, whale, zebra

## page 28

ABC Mobile
For added durability, copy the reproducible page onto cardstock, or have children use a glue stick to affix it to an old file folder before they begin cutting. Children may need help in cutting out the spiral and attaching the illustrations using tape and thin string. To hang the finished mobiles, tape a piece of string to the top of the spiral.

Answers: There are illustrations for the following 12 letters only: B-ball; G-goat; I-igloo; J-jump rope; K-kite; M-mouse; N-nest; Q-queen; R-rake; U-umbrella; V-violin; Y-yo-yo
page 29
Line Up for Lunch
Answers: Ava, Ben, Guy, Ina, Jin, Mai, Ned, Quinn, Raj, Uma, Vin, Yui
page 30
Honey Hunt
Answers: car, game, house, mitten, pen, saw, watch

Honey Hunt



## Tip

Have children use a glue stick to paste the backs of the numbered pages together so that there are no blank pages in between.
page 31

## Mr. A-Z's ABCs Mini-Book

Making the Mini-Books: Make a class set of the mini-book pages (pages 31-32). (You might also make an enlarged version of the book to use as a model when introducing the books to children.) Show children how to assemble their books:

1. Fold page 31 along the solid line so that the text faces out. Then fold page 32 along the solid line so that the text faces in.
2. Cut the pages apart along the dotted lines.
3. Slip pages 1 and 6 inside the cover and page 7 . Then open up so that page 1 is on the left and slip in pages 2 and 5 . Pages 3 and 4 go in the middle.
4. Check that the pages are in the correct order, then open to pages 3 and 4 and staple them together along the inner, center fold.
5. Invite children to color their mini-books.

## Using the Mini-Books:

1. Review the letters of the alphabet with children. Have volunteers take turns pointing to various letters on a chart and identifying them.
2. Read a copy of the mini-book aloud to the class or a small group. Display the illustrations as well.
3. Talk about the story. Do children understand the significance of Mr. A-Z's name? Ask: "Why does Mr. A-Z have all the letters. Where does he keep them? Would you keep letters in these places? Why or why not?"
4. Have children read their mini-books with you. Point out that the text of the story is in speech balloons. Ask, "Who is talking in this story? Whom are they talking to?" Have children identify the letters that Mr. A-Z finds on each page.
5. Ask children what they notice about the words in the story (They rhyme.) Invite volunteers to identify the words that rhyme

## Initial Consonants

page 33
Picture Show
Answers: B-bear K-kangaroo M-monkey T-turtle P-penguin S-seal
page 34

## On the Farm

Answers: farmer, fox, fence; gate, goat, girl; jeep, jacket, jump rope
page 35
School Tools
Answers: 1. p-pencil 2. f-file folder 3. b-backpack 4. l-lunch 5. t-tape
6. c-computer 7. r-ruler 8. s-scissors
page 36
Build a House
Answers: D-door; F-fence; G-garage; M-mailbox; R-roof; W-window

## page 37

## Food Puzzles

Children should cut out only the puzzle parts with the dotted lines in the right column. They then match up and glue these to the puzzle parts in the left column. (Depending on children's abilities, you might want to precut the puzzle pieces.)
Answers: 1. p 2.s 3.b 4.m 5. t
page 38

## Picture Books

Once children have completed the activity, let them make a cover for each of the three letter books. On each cover, have children draw another picture whose name begins with the book's letter. Children can then use their books to tell a story.
Answers: J-jump rope, jack-o-lantern; M-mouse, mop; S-sock, six

## page 39

## Sounds of C

Answers: Cat Box-cane, car, cup: Cent Box-celery, cereal, circus

## page 40

Same Sounds
Answers: 1. pet 2. bun 3. lips 4. dig 5. rain 6. nap 7. gum 8. tops

## page 41 <br> Tale of Tails Mini-Book

Making the Mini-Books: Make a class set of the mini-book pages (pages 41-42) and the animal picture page (page 43). Set aside the picture page for use later on. (You might also make an enlarged version of the book to use as a model when introducing the book to children.) Show children how to assemble the book:

1. Fold page 41 along the solid line so that the text faces out. Then fold page 42 along the solid line so that the text faces in.
2. Cut the pages apart along the dotted lines.
3. Slip pages 1 and 6 inside the cover and page 7 . Then open book so page 1 is on the left and slip in pages 2 and 5. Pages 3 and 4 go in the middle.
4. Check to be sure that the pages are in the correct order, then open to pages 3 and 4 and staple them together along the inner, center fold.

## Using the Mini-Books:

1. Display the mini-book cover and read aloud the title. Talk with children about the two kinds of tales/tails mentioned in the title. Explain that this mini-book (or tale) has pictures of different animal tails, and children will be matching each tail to the correct animal to which it belongs.
2. Instruct children to look at each tail pictured in their mini-book and each animal on the picture page. When they think they know to which animal each tail belongs, have them write the letter that begins the animal name on the blank lines in the book. You might want to write the names of the animals- kangaroo, cat, turtle, horse, pig, duck, and monkey-on chart paper or a whiteboard so that children can choose among them.

Tale of Tails


## Tip

Have children use a glue stick to paste the backs of the numbered pages together so that there are no blank pages in between.
3. Give each child a picture page. Have children cut out the animal pictures, glue them on the correct page in their mini-books, and then color the pictures.
4. Challenge children to think of other animals they could use to represent consonants not included in Tale of Tails (for example, a bear for $b$, or a fish for $f)$. Children might then draw pictures of these animals and label them with the correct initial consonant.
Answers: 1. pig-p 2. cat-c 3. turtle-t 4. monkey-m 5. duck-d 6. kangaroo-k 7. horse-h

## Final Consonants

## page 44

Final Consonant Game
Children can play this game in small groups. Encourage children who are able to keep a list of the words they name.
Answers will vary.

## page 45

Around the Park
For game markers, different-colored beans or buttons work well. Explain that if a player can't think of a word with the same ending sound or says an incorrect word, he or she cannot move ahead. The first player to reach Finish wins.
Answers: mop-p, leaf-f, clock-k, sun-n, dog-g, bed-d, bell-l, nest-t, ring-g, bus-s, hat-t, jam-m, car-r, crib-b. Other answers will vary.

## page 46 <br> Have a Heart

Answers: 1. vest 2. yarn 3. bib 4. stamp 5. zipper 6. seal
page 47
Hop or Run
Explain that if the picture on the card does not end with the same sound as the word a player called, then the card goes to the bottom of the pile. The winner is the player with the most cards at the end of the game.

Answers: Final p-jeep, top, clip, soap, mop, lamp, sheep; Final n-sun, pan, pen, fan, pin
page 48
Turn and Learn
Help children to align wheels 1 and 2 and secure them using a brass fastener. Challenge children to think of another picture name that ends like wheel and draw it in the fourth section of the wheel.

Answers: doll, pretzel, owl

## page 49

## What Do You See?

Remind children that each letter in the Color Code corresponds to the ending letter in each word.
Answers: The picture shows a house, trees, grass, mountains, and a sky, as follows: white house with red chimney, door, and window; black roof and path; green trees, bushes, and grass; blue sky; white mountains and smoke.

## page 50

Final-Consonant Puzzle Fun
Children should cut out only the puzzle parts with the dotted lines in the right column. They then match up and glue these to the puzzle parts in the left column. (Depending on children's abilities, you might want to precut the puzzle pieces.)
Answers: 1. six 2. sun 3. flag 4. bread 5. bib
page 51
Animal Wishes Mini-Book
Making the Mini-Books: Make a class set of the mini-book pages (pages 51-53) and the picture page (page 54). Set aside the picture page for use later on. (You might also make an enlarged version of the book to use as a model when introducing the book to children.) Show children how to assemble their books:

1. Cut the pages apart along the dotted lines.
2. Arrange pages $1-11$ in order, with the cover on top.
3. Staple the mini-book pages along the left side.

## Using the Mini-Books:

1. Display the mini-book cover, read aloud the title, and show children the illustrations. Explain that this mini-book has pictures of different animals, each of which is wishing for something. The item they wish for ends with the same sound as the ending sound of the animal's name.
2. Read aloud the book to children, then instruct them to look at page 1 and read aloud the question. Point out the dream bubble above the toad. Explain that this is a way to show readers that a character is thinking or dreaming of something.
3. Give each child a copy of the picture page. Tell children to find the item whose name ends with the same ending sound as Toad's (sled). They then cut out the picture of the sled and glue it inside Toad's dream bubble.
4. Have children cut out the remaining pictures, glue them on the correct pages, and then color the pictures.
5. Invite children to read their completed mini-books with you. You might also ask volunteers to read their books aloud to the class.

Answers: 1. Toad-sled 2. Crab-bib 3. Pig-flag 4. Duck-book 5. Seal-bell
6. Worm-drum. 7. Hen-fan 8. Sheep-lamp 9. Bear-car 10. Octopus-bus
11. Goat-hat

## Initial and Final Consonants

## page 55

Two Clues
Answers: 1. cub 2. wig 3. pail 4. fox 5. log

## page 56

Down the Word Steps
Answers: 1. ten 2. net 3. tub 4. bus 5. sun 6. nut 7. top 8. pan

## Tip: Turn It Around

Before children begin this activity, introduce them to anagrams. Manipulate letter tiles to show them how the letters in not, for example, can be moved around to form ton.


## page 57

## Turn It Around

Answers: 1. bus-b, s; sub-s, b 2. tip-t, p; pit-p, t 3. ten-t, n; net-n, t 4. pot-p, t; top-t, p 5. gas-g, s; sag-s, g 6. pal-p, l; lap-l, p
page 58
Word Links
Answers: pin, n; net, t; top, p; pail, l; log, g; gas, s; sand, d; door, r; roof, f; feather
page 59
Word Chain
Help children apply a glue stick on either end of the links to form the chain.
Answers: crib, bus, sun, nail, log, gum
page 60
Nut Hunt
Explain to children that they might need to change beginning or ending letters.
Answers: 1. rug 2. tug 3. tub 4. sub 5. cub 6. cut 7. nut
page 61

## Two-Way Words

Answers: 1. pop 2. dad 3. mom 4. bib 5. sis 6. Viv 7. gag 8. noon 9. wow 10. toot
page 62

## Consonant Word Train Mini-Book

Making the Mini-Books: Make a class set of the mini-book and picture pages (pages 62-63). Set aside the picture page for use later on. (You might also make an enlarged version of the book to use as a model when introducing the book to children.) Show children how to assemble their books:

1. Cut the pages apart along the dotted lines.
2. Beginning with the engine and ending with the caboose, show children how to tape the train cars together in order.

## Using the Mini-Books:

1. Display the mini-book cover (the train engine), read aloud the title, and ask children to identify the illustration (pen).
2. Give each child a copy of the picture page. Tell children to find a picture whose name begins with the same ending sound as pen (nest). Have them cut out the picture of the nest and glue it to the train car right behind the engine.
3. Explain that the next train car should have a picture whose name begins with the ending sound in nest-t. Let children search for the picture of the tub and glue it in place.
4. Have children then cut out the remaining pictures and glue them on the correct train cars following the same procedure. The last page (the caboose) has a picture of a lion whose initial letter corresponds with the last letter of the word in number 6 (girl).
5. Invite children to color the pictures and then accordion-fold the pages so that the cover is on top.
Answers: 1. nest 2. tub 3. bus 4. soap 5. pig 6. girl

## Consonant Blends

page 64
Color-the-Blends Puzzle
Answers: Children should color the hot-air balloon scene as follows: sky, blue; buildings and dog, brown; hill, green; balloon basket, yellow; balloon: red, purple, and green.
page 65
New Words
Answers: 1. tray-t 2. clock-c 3. glove-g 4. swing-s 5. flag-f 6. broom-b
7. drip-d 8. plate-p
page 66
Who Am I?
Answers: 1. snake 2. frog 3. skunk 4. fly 5. crab 6. swan
page 67
Picture Words
You may wish to explain that the new words represented by the pictures are called compound words because they are made from two words put together.
Answers: 1. dragonfly 2. skateboard 3. starfish 4. sunflower 5. nutcracker

## page 68

## On the Chart

Answers: br-bride, brush, bread, bridge; st-step, stamp, star, stove; cl-clock, cloud, clown, claw
page 69
Picture Perfect
Answers: 1. crown 2. bridge 3. skateboard 4. blanket 5. tree
page 70
Slide the Letters
Help children cut the slits in the patterns and then slip the letter strips through the slits. Demonstrate how to move the letter strips to form words.
Answers: op-stop, clop, plop, drop, crop, flop; ow-snow, stow, blow, grow, slow, flow

Tips: Slide the Letters

- Enlarge the patterns, if desired.
- For added durability, copy the reproducible page onto cardstock or have children use a glue stick to affix it to an old file folder before cutting.
- To keep the strips from slipping out of the slits, fold a piece of tape, wider than the strips, over the ends.
- For added fun, give each child a craft stick to tape to the back of the stop sign, making sure not to tape over the slit.


My I-Blend Wheel
page 71
-Blend Wheel Mini-Book
Making the Mini-Books: For each wheel book, make a class set of the cover wheel (page 71) and Wheels 1, 2, and 3 (pages 72-74). Set aside Wheels 2 and 3 for use later on. (You might wish to make an enlarged version of each wheel book to use as a model when introducing the books to children.) Show children how to assemble the Wheel 1 book:

1. Cut out the cover wheel and Wheel 1 along the dotted lines.
2. Cut out the pie-shaped window on the cover wheel.
3. Color the pictures on Wheel 1.
4. Insert a brass fastener through the center of the cover to attach Wheel 1.

## Using the Mini-Books:

1. Begin by reviewing l-blends with the class. Give examples such as flfflock, cl/ clay, bl/blue, pl/plow, and gl/glad.
2. Show children how to hold the cover wheel in one hand and turn the bottom wheel with the other. Have children identify the pictures and read the words on the wheel. Ask children what the words have in common (they all contain the $l$-blend). Have children then fill in the blend on the line on the cover.
3. Invite volunteers to use each blend word in a complete sentence. Encourage them to think of other $l$-blend words, too.
4. Provide children with fresh cover wheels to assemble wheels 2 and 3. Have them follow the same procedure to practice $r$-blend and $s$-blend words.

## Short Vowels

page 75
Short Vowel Crosswords
Answers: 1. I-WIG, PIN 2. U-TUB, CUP 3. E-HEN, BED 4. O-TOP, FOX
5. A-FAN, BAT
page 76
Short Vowel Banners
Punch holes in the top corners of the banners and attach yarn to hang them.
Answers: short a-bat, cat, pan; short o-clock, frog, mop
page 77
Short Vowel Tic-Tac-Toe
Tell children that they can go across, down, or diagonally to find a row.
Answers: 1. short a-hat, mask, can 2. short i-milk, pin, pig 3. short e-pen, bed, sled
page 78
Short Vowel Animals
Answers: 1. E-HEN 2. I-PIG 3. A-CRAB 4. U-PUP 5. O-FROG
page 79
Bunny Hop
Show children how to fold the tab under the bunny so it can stand on each picture as they read along. Explain to children that they can glue the pictures on the path in any order as long as the picture names have the short-u sound.
Answers: duck, cup, rug, bus, tub, gum, bug

## page 80

## Letter Windows

Help children cut the slits in the hat and rug and guide them in slipping the letter strips through the slits. Demonstrate how to move the letter strips to form words.
Answers: -at-hat, fat, cat, sat, mat, pat; -ug-rug, hug, bug, tug, jug, mug
page 81

## Who Did It?

Answers: 1. duck 2. cat 3. pig 4. fox 5. hen 6. nest. Children should draw a hen using a hat as a nest.

## page 82

At the Shop
Answers: short e-sled, tent; short i-bib, ring; short u-mug, truck

## page 83

Toss and Tell
Have children cut out the cube pattern along the dotted lines, fold along the solid lines, and assemble using a glue stick or tape. Children can play until they have checked all of the words or until they've checked at least one word with each short vowel. If children play with a partner, they can each use a different-colored crayon to keep track of the words they check.
Answers: lamp-cab, at, ham; dress-sled, egg, vest; box-top, hog, hot;
brush-rug, bug, mud; sink-pig, win, hill

## page 84

## Sentence Fun

Check that children understand that the word they add to each sentence must make sense as well as match the short vowel sound.
Answers: 1. hat 2. pet 3. tub 4. dish 5. sad 6. yet

## page 85

That Cat
Show children how to fold the tab under the cat so it can stand on each picture as they read along.
Answers: 1. bus 2. wig 3. lamp 4. box 5. bed

## page 86

## What's in the Truck? Mini-Book

Making the Mini-Books: Make a class set of the mini-book pages (pages 86-89). You might also make an enlarged version of the book to use as a model when introducing the book to children. Show children how to assemble their books:

## Tips: Letter Windows

- Enlarge the patterns if desired.
- For added durability, copy the reproducible page onto cardstock or have children use a glue stick to affix it to an old file folder before cutting.
- To keep the strips from slipping out of the slits, fold a piece of tape, wider than the strips, over the ends.


## Tip

Make a large chart or word wall listing all of the words from the truck books that illustrate each of the short vowel sounds.


1. Cut out the truck shape and the six book pages.
2. Arrange them in order with the cover on top.
3. Staple the pages together along the top edge, and then affix them to the truck by gluing the back of the last page to the truck.

## Using the Mini-Books:

1. Begin by reviewing the short vowel sounds with the class. Give examples of one-syllable words with each sound, for example, ham, ten, lid, dot, and bus.
2. Show children your copy of the mini-book, pointing out how the base of the book is in the shape of a truck while the pages lift up. Discuss the short vowel sound featured on each page and have children identify the pictures.
3. Have children turn to page 1 of their books. Encourage them to think of other words that have the short- $a$ sound. List the words that can be easily illustrated on chart paper or a whiteboard. Then invite children to draw their own picture.
4. Have children continue this process with the remaining mini-book pages. Invite them to share their pictures, using complete sentences to describe them. Then have children color the pictures in their books.
Answers will vary.

## Long Vowels

page 90
Make Snakes
Answers: Children should paste a snake body to the heads in: 1. frame 3. rake 4. skate 6. plane.
page 91
Animal Crossword
Answers: See crossword at left.
page 92

## On the Tree

Answers: bee, jeep, sheep, seal, wheel
page 93
Picture Maze
Answers: gate, cane, game, rake, tray, vane, tape, plane, mane, cake, hay, cape, snake, nail, snail, train, chain, whale, vase, pail
page 94
Long-i Cut and Paste
Answers: slide, bride, tie, ice, nine, kite
page 95

## Grid Game

Before children begin, you may wish to introduce or review the use of grids. For example, to find the point $A, 2$, start at the letter A on the left and trace a path with a finger to the picture of the bee, located where line 2 intersects with line A.
Answers: 1. bee 2. deer 3. zebra 4. sheep 5. seal 6. eel. All share the long-e sound.

## page 96

## Ghost Questions

Answers: 1. robe 2. snow 3. soap 4. nose 5. phone 6 . boat

## page 97

U Stew
Answers: ruler, tube, glue, flute

## page 98

## Whale Tale

Answers: 1. pie 2. seal 3. rose 4. flute 5. plane

## page 99

Changes
Answers: 1. pole 2. vane 3. mule 4. boat 5. bike 6. rose
page 100

## Riddle Fun

Answers: 1. snowball, fill-in-the-blanks: soap, snail, bone, wheel
2. time, fill-in-the-blanks: goat, bride, mice, tree.

## page 101

## Colors Around the Year Mini-Book

Making the Mini-Books: Make a class set of the mini-book pages and word strip (pages 101-102). Set aside the word strip for use later on. (You might also make an enlarged version of the book to use as a model when introducing the book to children.) Show children how to assemble their books:

1. Cut the pages apart along the dotted lines.
2. Arrange pages $1-5$ in order with the cover on top.
3. Staple the mini-book pages along the left side.

## Using the Mini-Books:

1. Begin by reviewing the long vowel sounds with the class. Give examples of onesyllable words with each sound, for example, lake, team, mice, boat, and glue.
2. Display the mini-book cover, read aloud the title, and ask children to identify what's happening in the illustrations.
3. Read aloud your copy of the mini-book, drawing children's attention to the long vowel hint and illustration shown on each page.
4. Give each child a copy of the word strip, review the words, and ask children to identify the long vowel sound in each word.
5. Instruct children to turn to page 1 of their books. Together, read the text and talk about the colors of leaves in the fall. Then have children look at the word strip. Ask: "What long vowel word best completes the sentence? (gold) Tell children to cut and paste the word on the line provided.
6. Have children continue using the clues to fill in the remaining mini-book pages. Once they have placed all the color words correctly, invite them to use crayons in corresponding colors to color the illustrations.
Answers: 1. gold 2. gray 3. white 4. green 5 . blue

Tips: U Stew

- Help children cut the slits along the dotted lines in the pot and then show them how to tuck the tabs on the pictures into the slits.
- To keep the pictures in place, children can dab a glue stick on the tabs after inserting in the slits.



## Short and Long Vowels

## page 103

Wrong One Game
Answers: 1. Replace tray with seal. 2. Replace soap with cake. 3. Replace chick with ten. 4. Replace sock with skunk.

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page 104
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Train Ride
Answers: long-a train-tray, rake, vase, pail; short-a train-crab, hat, stamp, can

## page 105

## What's Missing?

Answers: Children should draw the following: 1. road 2. bat 3. wheel 4. bed 5. kite

## page 106

## Short and Long

Answers: 1. van 2. cube 3. pin 4. cape 5. tub 6. robe 7. cane 8. mop
page 107
Name the Vowels
Model how to make and use a spinner using a large paper clip and a pencil.
Answers: long vowel words-tree, stove, game, leaf, glue, paint, goat, tie, slide; short vowel words-mop, flag, truck, net, crib, bus.
page 108
Vowel Tic-Tac-Toe
Tell children that they can go across, down, or diagonally to find a row.
Answers: 1. short e-fence, bed, ten 2. long i-kite, nine, dice
3. short u-jump, nut, lunch 4. long o-rope, soap, coat
page 109
Road Race Game
Have children color their cars differently so they can keep track of them.
Answers: long e-heel; long a-stain, hay, frame; long i-five, pie, ice, dime; long o-rose; long u-tube; short e-shell, wet, sled; short a-cap, sad; short i-fish; short o-clock, hop; short u-duck, mug
page 110
Vowel Opposites
You may wish to review opposites with children before giving them this activity.
Answers: 1. in 2. play 3. shut 4. hot 5. you 6. mad 7. sleep 8. white 9. go 10. men
page 111
Number Match-Up
Answers: 1. three 2. five 3. six 4. ten 5 . nine
page 112

## Color Clues

Before children begin, explain that many color names have either a long or short vowel sound. Write the following words on chart paper or a whiteboard and review the vowel sound for each word: pink, gray, red, green, black, blue.
Answers: 1. black 2. pink 3. green 4. blue 5. red 6. gray
page 113

## Going to Work Mini-Book

Making the Mini-Books: Make a class set of the mini-book pages (pages 113$115)$ and the picture page (page 116). Set aside the picture page for use later on. (You might also make an enlarged version of the book to use as a model when introducing the book to children.) Show children how to assemble their books:

1. Cut out the briefcase shapes along the dotted lines.

2. Arrange the five mini-book pages in order with the cover on top.
3. Staple the mini-book pages along the handle (the top edge).

## Using the Mini-Books:

1. Begin by reading aloud the title of the mini-book and asking children to identify the items shown on the cover. Encourage them to tell the short or long vowel sound for each. Explain that this book has pictures of things that people might take to a job in an office. The items begin with short and long vowel sounds.
2. Read aloud the book to children. Draw their attention to the two sections of each mini-book page; one is for short vowel words and the other for long vowel words. Have children identify the pictures and the vowel sounds on each page.
3. Give each child a copy of the picture page. Have children cut out the pictures. Read aloud each picture name and have children identify the vowel sound for each.
4. Read aloud the text on page 1. Explain that children should find a picture of something whose name has the short-a sound for the first sentence and a picture of something whose name has the long-a sound for the second.
5. Have children then cut out the remaining pictures, glue them on the correct pages, and then color the pictures.
6. Invite children to read their completed mini-books with you. You might also ask volunteers to read their books aloud to the class.
Answers: 1. short a-hat, long a-tape 2. short o-clock, long o-comb 3. short i-clips, long i-dime 4. short e-thread, long e-key 5 . short $u$-mug, long $u$-glue

## Rhymes and Word Families <br> page 117 <br> Rhymes and Shapes

Answers: 1. back 2. get 3. hot 4. lid 5. pump 6. tap
page 118
Word Family Flowers
Answers: van-fan, can, man; bug-mug, jug, rug
page 119
Rhyme Roll Game
Suggest that children write down the words they say so that they don't reuse them.
Answers will vary.
page 120
Words on a Web
Answers: 1-8. bit, fit, hit, kit, lit, pit, sit, wit
page 121

## Fat Cat Game

Model the game for children before they play and share these playing tips:

- Remind children that rhyming words often belong to the same word family. For example, the words in fat cat belong to the -at word family. This means that the second and third letter in each word will always be the same. This will help them narrow down their guesses.
- If a player guesses a letter that appears in both words of the rhyme, for example, $a$ and $t$, the letters should be written in both words at that time. However, children may draw only one body part for each new correct letter they name. In this example, they could draw the first ear for naming $a$ and the second ear for $t$.
- You might suggest that children draw the cat in this order: first ear, second ear, body, tail.
- Instead of drawing their cats on the activity page, you might have children use separate sheets of paper.
page 122
Rhyme Flip-Ups
Check that children glue only the tab at the top of each picture so that they can lift the pictures to see the rhyming words.
Answers: 1. tag 2. bell 3. sun 4. bed 5. pin 6. bus
page 123
Rhyme Find
Answers: 1. well 2. snail 3. hug 4. block 5. bat
page 124
Rhyme Hunt
Children might use different-colored crayons to highlight the words in each word family.
page 125
Silly Sock Rhymes
Answers: left to right-map, cap; tub, sub; big, pig; hen, men; bell, tell


## page 126

## Make It Rhyme

Instead of drawing in the blank boxes, you might have children draw their pictures on separate sheets of paper.
Answers: 1. slide 2. peach 3. street 4. play 5. blue

## page 127

## Rhyme Time Mini-Book

Making the Mini-Book: Make a class set of the mini-book pages (pages 127-128). You might also make an enlarged version of the book to use as a model when introducing the book to children. Show children how to assemble their books:

1. Cut apart the cover and page 7 (the picture page) and set aside.
2. Fold the remaining part of page 127 along the solid line so that the text faces out. Then fold page 128 along the solid line so that the text faces in.
3. Cut the folded pages on page 128 apart along the dotted lines.
4. Slip pages 2 and 5 inside pages 1 and 6 . Then slip pages 3 and 4 in the middle.
5. Check that the pages are in the correct order, place the cover on top, and then staple them together on the left.

## Using the Mini-Books:

1. Begin by reviewing the short vowel sounds with the class. Give examples of one-syllable words with each sound, for example, sat, ten, rink, pop, and tug.
2. Display the mini-book cover, read aloud the title, and ask children to identify what is happening in the illustrations. Then ask them what they notice about the words. (They rhyme.)
3. Read your copy of the mini-book aloud to the class or a small group, displaying the illustrations and pointing out the rhyming words on each page.
4. Instruct children to turn to page 1 of their books. Together read the text and ask children to identify the rhyming words (Jan and pan).
5. Have children look at the pictures on the picture page (page 7). Then ask: "What picture best completes the sentence?" (fan) Have children cut out the picture of the fan and glue it in the box on page 1 . Then encourage them to write the word on the lines provided, one letter per line.
6. Have children continue using the rhyming verses to complete the remaining mini-book pages, and then have them color their books.
7. Challenge children to think of other rhyming words they could use on each page of their book.
Answers: 1. fan 2. pen 3. swing 4. trunk 6. shop

Rhyme Time


## Tip

Have children use a glue stick to paste the backs of the numbered pages together so that there are no blank pages in between.

Name

## Match-a-Letter Game

Players: 2

1. Take turns tossing a penny.

- If it lands (4) move 1 space.
- If it lands , move 2 spaces.

2. What lowercase letter did you land on? Find the uppercase letter that matches.

You Need:

- 1 penny
- 2 game markers
- uppercase letter cards

3. The game ends when both players reach Finish.


Finish

Name

## Give a Dog a Bone!

1. Read the lowercase letters on each bone.
2. Read the uppercase letters on the dogs.
3. Cut and paste each bone near its matching dog.



Name

## ABC Picture Puzzle

1. Find the hidden picture! Connect the dots in ABC order.
2. Tell a story about the picture.


Name $\qquad$

## Hidden Letter Surprise

Color the squares in ABC order.

- You can go across, down, and up.
- The squares you color must touch.

What letter does the pattern make?

| A | B | W | T | H | X | P | Z | D | M | Y | A | Y | Z |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| K | C | D | M | Q | S | W | Z | J | T | L | W | X | T |
| B | L | E | F | Y | C | F | R | N | D | U | V | J | C |
| S | X | R | G | H | P | T | V | C | S | T | O | K | E |
| C | U | N | A | I | J | Y | B | Q | R | Z | N | A | K |
| E | K | X | W | C | K | L | O | P | D | O | G | Q | I |
| V | J | D | L | E | S | M | N | V | A | S | U | L | B |

Name

## ABC Animals

1. Say each animal name.

Listen for the beginning sound.
2. Cut and paste the animals along the stone path in ABC order.
3. Write the letter that stands for the beginning sound below each stone.



Name

## ABC Mobile

1. Say each picture name.

Listen for the beginning sound.
2. Make a mobile!

Cut out the pictures and the spiral.
3. Hang the pictures along the spiral in $A B C$ order.


Name

## Line Up for Lunch

1. Look at each child's name.
2. What letter does each name start with?
3. Cut and paste the faces on the lunch line in $A B C$ order.


Name

## Honey Hunt

1. Help Bear find the honey.

What letter does each picture name start with?
2. Draw a path for Bear.

Follow pictures on the path in ABC order.


Four more letters and we're done. Mr . A-Z, your game is fun. Now we'll learn and not forget the letters of the alphabet.

$P, Q$, and $R$ must be here, too. Mr. A-Z, it's up to you.


# Mr. A-Z's ABCs 



Thank you, but we need more.
Are there letters in the drawer?


Mr. A-Z, won’† you please help us with our ABCs?


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Mr. A-Z's ABCs Mini-Book, page 32


3
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Just think how happy we would be if you could find $\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{T}, \mathrm{U}$, and V .


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Where are $\mathrm{L}, \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{N}$, and O ? Mr. A-Z, do you know?


Name

## Picture Show

1. Say each animal name.

Listen for the beginning sound.
2. Cut and paste each animal in the $\square$ with the letter that stands for its beginning sound.


Name

## On the Farm

1. Look at the scene.
2. Find pictures whose names begin with $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}$, or $\mathbf{j}$.
3. Write the correct letter on each line.


Name $\qquad$

## School Tools

1. Name each school tool.
2. Write the letter that each tool's name begins with.

3. 


6.

$\qquad$
8.


Name $\qquad$

## Build a House

1. Say each picture name.

Listen for the beginning sound.
2. What letter stands for each sound?
3. Cut and paste the pictures to match each letter.


Name

## Food Puzzles

1. Say the name of each food.

Listen for the beginning sound.
2. What letter stands for each sound?
3. Put the puzzle parts together.

Cut and paste the letters to match the pictures.
1.

2.

3.

4.

5.


Name

## Picture Books

1. Say each picture name.

Listen for the beginning sound.
2. What letter on the books stands for each sound?
3. Cut out the pictures and the books.
4. Paste each picture on the correct letter book.


Name

## Sounds of C

1. Say each picture name. Listen for the sound of the letter C. at the beginning of each word. It will either be

2. Cut and paste the pictures in the boxes.

- Paste pictures that begin like "cat" in the $\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{k}}^{\mathrm{K}}$ box.
- Paste pictures that begin like "cent" in the (35) box.

$\square$

Name

## Same Sounds

1. Look at the underlined words in each sentence.
2. Say the beginning sound.
3. Find a word at the bottom of the page that begins with the same sound.
4. Finish the sentences. Cut and paste the words with the same beginning letter sound into the boxes.

## 1. Pam picks a

$\square$
2. Bob bit a $\square$
3. Len licked his
$\square$
4. Did the dog


## 5. The rat runs in the

$\square$
6. Nan needs a $\square$
7. The girl got some

8. Ted has ten $\square$



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## Tale of Tails Mini-Book Pictures



Name $\qquad$

## Final Consonant Game

Players: 1 or 2

1. Toss a penny on the game board. What letter did it land on?
2. Say a word that ends with that letter's sound.
3. How many different words can you name?


Name

## Around the Park

Players: 2

1. Toss a penny into the number box.

- Did it land on 1? Move 1 space.
- Did it land on 2? Move 2 spaces.

2. Say the picture name on the space.
3. What sound does it end with?

Say a word with the same ending sound.


Name

## Have a Heart

1. Say each picture name on the hearts.
2. What picture name at the bottom of the page ends with the same sound?
3. Cut and paste the picture with the same ending sound on the other side of each heart.


Name

## Hop or Run

## Players: 2

1. Cut out the cards. Stack them facedown.
2. Say the word "hop" or the word "run."
3. Then pick a card. Does the picture name end with the same sound ( $\mathbf{p}$ or $\mathbf{n}$ ) as the word you called?

- If so, keep the card.
- If not, put the card at the bottom of the stack.

4. Take turns until all the cards are taken.

The player with the most cards wins.


Name

## Turn and Learn

1. Say each picture name.
2. Do any of the picture names have
the same ending sound as "wheel"?
If so, cut and paste them on wheel 2.
3. Cut out both wheels. Use a $\Longleftrightarrow$ to put them together.
4. Say each picture name as you turn the wheel.


Name $\qquad$

## What Do You See?

1. Say the words.

Listen for the ending sounds.
2. Use the Ending-Sounds Color Code to make a picture.

## Ending-Sounds Color Code

$$
s \text { = blue } \quad t=\text { green } \quad d=\text { black } \quad l=\text { red } \quad m=\text { white }
$$



## Name

## Final-Consonant Puzzle Fun

Cut and paste the puzzle parts to match each clue.

1. It ends like

2. It ends like

3. It ends like

4. It ends like

5. It ends like


## Animal Wishes



What does Crab wish for?


What does Toad wish for?


What does Pig wish for?


What does Duck wish for?

4


What does Worm wish for?


What does Seal wish for?


What does Hen wish for?


What does Sheep wish for?


What does Octopus wish for?


What does Bear wish for?


What does Goat wish for?

## Animal Wishes Mini-Book Pictures



Name

## Two Clues

Cut and paste the pictures to match each clue.

1. It begins like $\left(\begin{array}{c}0 \square \\ 0, \\ 0\end{array}\right)$ and ends like $\square$
2. It begins like

and ends like

3. It begins like

and ends like


Name

## Down the Word Steps

1. Work your way down the word steps.

Follow the clues and fill in each crossword.
(The last letter of each word is the first letter of a new word.)


Name

## Turn It Around

1. Cut out the words at the bottom of the page.
2. Paste each word in the box below the word that has the same letters but are switched around.
3. What letter stands for the beginning sound of each word?
4. What letter stands for the ending sound?
5. Write the letters on the lines.

Beginning Sound Ending Sound

1. bus

$\qquad$
$\qquad$
2. tip

$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
3. ten

$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
4. pot

$\qquad$

5. gas

$\qquad$

6. pal

$\qquad$


Name

## Word Links

1. Write the letter for the ending sound of each word in the $\bigcirc$ that's next to it.
2. Then find the picture at the bottom of the page that begins with that same ending sound. Each new word will begin with the ending sound of the word that comes before it.
3. Paste it in the $\square$. The first one has been done for you.



Name

## Word Chain

1. Cut out the strips along the dotted lines.
2. Make a word chain. Start with "crib."
3. Each word in the chain begins with the last letter of the word before it.


Name

## Nut Hunt

1. Help Sammy find a nut. Start with the word "bug." Then follow the clues to make new words.
2. Paste a picture to show what each new word is.


## Clue

1. Change $\mathbf{b}$ to $\mathbf{r}$
2. Change $\mathbf{r}$ to $\boldsymbol{t}$
3. Change $\mathbf{g}$ to $\mathbf{b}$
4. Change tor
5. Change $\mathbf{s}$ to $\mathbf{c}$
6. Change $\mathbf{b}$ to $\boldsymbol{t}$
7. Change $\mathbf{c}$ to $\boldsymbol{n}$
b $u \quad g$


Name

## Two-Way Words

1. Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page.
2. Paste them so that each word begins and ends with the same sound.
3. po $\qquad$ 6. Vi $\qquad$
4. $d a$ $\qquad$
5. ga $\qquad$
6. mo $\qquad$ 8. noo $\qquad$
7. bi $\qquad$ 9. wo
8. si $\qquad$ 10. too



## Consonant Word Train Mini-Book Pictures



Name $\qquad$

## Color-the-Blends Puzzle

1. Say the words.

Listen for the beginning sounds.
2. Use the Consonant-Blends Color Code to make a picture.

|  | Consonant-Blends Color Code |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| bl = blue | $\mathrm{cl}=$ red | $\mathrm{fl}=$ yellow | $\mathrm{gl}=$ green | $\mathrm{pl}=$ brown |$\quad \mathrm{sl}=$ purple



Name

## New Words

1. Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page.
2. Paste a letter to change each word. Use the picture clues to help you.
3. Change ray to
4. Change lock to

ray
$\qquad$

lock
$\qquad$

wing
5. Change wing to
6. Change lag to

lag
7. Change room to

rip
8. Change rip to
room
9. Change late to
 late

Name

## Who Am I?

1. Cut out the letter blends at the bottom of the page.
2. Paste the letters to make a word. Use the clues to help you.
3. Draw a picture to show what each word is.


Name

## Picture Words

1. Say each picture name.
2. Put the words together.

Now you have a new word.
3. Show what word it is.

Cut and paste the pictures from the bottom of the page.


Name

## On the Chart

1. Say the picture names.

Listen for the beginning sounds.
2. Cut and paste the pictures under the letters that stand for those beginning sounds.
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st



Name

## Picture Perfect

1. Say each picture name.

Listen for the beginning sound
2. Cut out the pictures at the bottom of the page. Paste each picture in the right frame.
Use the clues to help you.

## Clue

1. Begins like
2. Begins like
3. Begins like

4. Begins like

5. Begins like


Name

## Slide the Letters

1. Cut out the pictures and the letter strips.
2. Cut out the slits on the pictures.
3. Slide the letter strips through the slits to make words.
4. Read the words.


## -Blend Wheel Mini-Book



## -Blend Wheel Mini-Book

## Wheel 1 <br> (l-blends)



## -Blend Wheel Mini-Book

## Wheel 2

(r-blends)

-Blend Wheel Mini-Book

## Wheel 3

(s-blends)


Name

## Short Vowel Crosswords

Add a short vowel to make words in each puzzle. Use the picture clues to help you.


Name

## Short Vowel Banners

1. Say the picture names at the bottom of the page.
2. Listen for the short-a sound, as in Listen for the short-o sound, as in
3. Cut out the pictures and the banners.
4. Cut and paste each picture on the banner with its vowel sound.


Name

## Short Vowel Tic-Tac-Toe

1. Say the picture names in each grid.
2. Find and color 3 pictures in a row
that have the same short vowel sound.
Pictures can run across or up and down.
3. Short-a sound, as in

4. Short-i sound, as in

|  | $1$ | S |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | $\stackrel{y}{8}$ |  |
| $\left.\mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{i}}^{-\infty}\right)^{2}$ | $\bigcirc$ |  |

3. Short-e sound, as in
(20)

Name

## Short Vowel Animals

1. Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page.
2. Paste each letter in the correct $\square$ so it spells the animal's name.

3. 


4.

5.


Name

## Bunny Hop

1. Cut out the pictures at the bottom of the page. Also cut out Bunny and set aside.
2. Say the picture names.
3. Do you hear the short-u sound, as in "cut"? If so, paste the pictures on the stones.
4. Help Bunny hop home on the stones.


Name

## Letter Windows

1. Cut out the pictures and the letter strips.
2. Cut the slits on the pictures.
3. Slide the letter strips through the slits to make words.
4. Read the words.

$\begin{array}{ccccccc}\text { hat } & h & f & c & s & m & p \\ \text { rug } & r & h & b & f & j & m\end{array}$

Name $\qquad$

## Who Did It?

1. Who took the
2. Use the code to find out. Write the words.
3. Then draw a picture to show who has the hat.

## Code

$$
=\text { short o } \quad \text { = short a } \quad \Delta=\text { short e } \quad \Delta \text { short u } \quad D=\text { short i }
$$

1. It is not the $d>c k$. $\qquad$
2. It is not the cot. $\qquad$
3. It is not the pl g. $\qquad$
4. Is it the $\mathrm{f} \square \mathrm{x}$ ? $\qquad$
5. No, it is the $h \triangle n$. $\qquad$
6. She needs it for $a n \Delta$ st. $\qquad$

Name

## At the Shop

1. Say the picture names.
2. Listen for the short-e, short-i, and short-u vowel sounds.
3. Cut out the pictures at the bottom of the page. Paste each picture in the window that has the same vowel sound.



Name

## Toss and Tell

## Players: 1 or 2

1. Cut and paste the cube.
2. Toss the cube. Say the picture name on top.
3. Look at the word list. Make a $\checkmark$ next to each word that has the same vowel sound as the picture name.


| Word List |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| pig | top | sled | cab | egg |
| at | win | rug | hog | bug |
| hot | vest | ham | mud | hill |



## Sentence Fun

## 1. Look at the underlined words in each sentence. <br> Say the vowel sound.

2. Find a word at the bottom of the page that has the same sound.
3. Does it make sense in the sentence? Use the clues to help you.
4. Finish the sentence.

Cut and paste the words on the lines.

1. The rat has a $\qquad$

2. Ned fed his $\qquad$ .
Name $\qquad$

3. The duck has fun in the $\qquad$

4. Did the dog tip the $\qquad$ ?

5. Is the man mad or $\qquad$

6. Did the jet get home $\qquad$ ?



Name

## That Cat

1. Say the picture names at the bottom of the page. Listen for the short vowel sounds.
2. Cut and paste the pictures into the correct boxes. Use the clues to help you.
3. Cut out the cat. Put it on the pictures as you read the sentences.

## Clue

1. The cat is on a
 short u
2. The cat is on a

short i
3. The cat is on a

short a
4. The cat is on a

short o
5. The cat is on a

short e


## What's in the Truck? Mini-Book




## Short a



## Short e



My picture

## Short i



My picture

## Short 0



My picture

## Short u



My picture

Name

## Make Snakes

1. Say each picture name on the left.
2. Does the picture name have the long-a sound, as in "snake"?
3. If so, cut out a snake body from the bottom of the page. Paste it to that snake's head.
4. 


2.

3.

4.

5.

6.




Name

## Animal Crossword

1. Say the picture names.

Listen for the long vowel sound in each word.
2. Write the correct word for each picture in the boxes. Use the Word Bank to help you.

## Across

2. 



5.


Down


11.


10.


Name

## On the Tree

1. Say each picture name at the bottom of the page.
2. Do you hear the longe sound, as in "tree"? If so, cut and paste the picture on the tree.


Name

## Picture Maze

1. Make your way to the end of this maze! Begin by saying each picture name.
2. Listen for the sound of long a.
3. Color the picture if its name has the long-a sound.

Start

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|  | $\because$ |  | $3$ |  | 为 |
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Name

# Long-i Cut and Paste 

1. Say each picture name at the bottom of the page.
2. Do you hear the long-i sound, as in "hive"?
3. If so, cut and paste the picture on the kite tail.


Name

## Grid Game

1. Who hid in the grid? Find some of the animals. Use the letter and number pairs in the 6 questions below.
2. Color those animals.
3. Say their names. Then write them on the lines. What vowel sound do they share?

4. A, 2 $\qquad$ 4. A, 4 $\qquad$
5. B, 1 $\qquad$ 5. C, 3 $\qquad$
6. C, 2 $\qquad$ 6. D, 5 $\qquad$

Name

## Ghost Questions

1. Say each picture name at the bottom of the page.
2. Which ones have the long-o sound, as in ?
3. Finish the questions. Cut and paste the long-o words into the correct boxes.



Name

## U Stew

1. Cut out the pictures at the bottom of the page. Also cut open the slits on the pot.
2. Say the picture names.
3. Do you hear the long-u sound, as in "blue"? If so, slip the pictures into the stew.


Name

## Whale Tale

1. Say the picture names at the bottom of the page. Listen for the long vowel sounds.
2. Cut and paste the pictures into the correct boxes. Use the clues to help you.
3. Cut out the whale.

Help him swim by the pictures as you read the sentences.
Then tell a tale about your whale!
Clue

1. The whale likes $\square$. long i
2. The whale meets a

long e
3. The whale has $a \square$.

long o

long u
4. The whale sees a
long a

Name

## Changes

1. Follow the clues to make new words.
2. Write each new word.
3. Cut out the pictures at the bottom of the page. Paste each picture to show what the new word is.

## Clues

1. Change a to o. pale $\qquad$

2. Change ito a.
vine $\qquad$
3. Change o to $\mathbf{u}$. mole $\qquad$

4. Change e to o. beat $\qquad$

5. Change a to i. bake $\qquad$

6. Change ito 0 .
rise $\qquad$

Name

## Riddle Fun

1. Write the word for each picture on the lines.
2. Then make a word that answers the riddle.
3. Use the letters in the boxes.
4. What kind of ball will not bounce? a $\qquad$

5. What flies without wings?


#  <br> Colors <br> Around the Year 



It's fall.
The leaves are


It's raining.
The sky is


It's winter.
The snow is


Hint: long e


Hint: long u

## Colors Around the Year Mini-Book Word Strip

## green

Name

## Wrong One Game

1. Say the picture names in each circle. Listen for the vowel sound.
2. What picture name in each circle doesn'† share the same vowel sound?
3. Say the picture names at the bottom of the page. Cut and paste pictures to replace the words that don't belong.

4. 



Name

## Train Ride

1. One train picks up things with the long-a sound. The other picks up things with the short-a sound.
2. Say each picture name at the bottom of the page. Listen for the vowel sound.
3. Cut and paste pictures along the correct track.


Name

## What's Missing?

1. Something is missing from each picture.
2. Read the clues.
3. Look at the pictures to find out what it is.
4. Say the name of each missing item. Add it to the picture.

5. 

Clue: long o You drive on it.

3.

Clue: long e
You need two.


Clue: short e You sleep on it.

2.

Clue: short a
You hit a ball with it.

Name

## Short and Long

1. Say each picture name at the bottom of the page.
2. Cut and paste the picture next to the word pair that has its name.
3. Circle the correct word for each picture.

4. 



cube cub
6.


pine
pin

cape cap
8.


Name

## Name the Vowels

## Players: 1 or 2

1. Cut out the wheel.
2. Make a spinner using a $\emptyset$ and a
3. Spin. Say the picture name the spinner lands on.
4. Name the vowel sound you hear. Tell if it is long or short.


Name

## Vowel Tic-Tac-Toe

1. Say the picture names in each grid.
2. Find and color 3 pictures in a row that have the same vowel sound.

## 1. Short-e sound

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| ITMOMTH | $\frac{85}{\frac{715}{60}}$ | $\theta_{0}$ |

3. Short-u sound

4. Long-i sound
(2)
5. Long-o sound


Name

## Road Race Game

Players: 2

1. Cut out the cars.
2. Take turns tossing a penny.

- If it lands , move 1 space.
- If it lands $=$ move 2 spaces.

3. Name the vowel sound. Is it long or short?
4. The car to reach Finish first wins.


Name $\qquad$

## Vowel Opposites

1. Read each word.
2. Use the clues to help you write its opposite.

## Clue <br> Word

Opposite

1. short i
out
2. long a work $\qquad$
3. short u
open $\qquad$
4. short o
cold
5. long u me $\qquad$
6. short a glad $\qquad$
7. long e wake $\qquad$
8. long i black
9. long o stop
10. short e women

Name

## Number Match-Up

1. Say the number words at the bottom of the page. Listen for the vowel sound in each word.
2. Cut and paste the word under the correct picture.


3. The number is
(Hint: short e)

4. The number is

## (Hint: long i)

Name

## Color Clues

1. Say the words at the bottom of the page. Listen for the vowel sound in each word.
2. Cut and paste the words into the correct boxes. Use the clues to help you.

3. The color is (Hint: short a)

4. The color is (Hint: short i)

5. The color is
(Hint: long e)

6. The color is
(Hint: long u)

7. The color is
(Hint: short e)

8. The color is
(Hint: long a)


## Going to Work

## Mini-Book

## Going to Work





## Going to Work Mini-Book Pictures



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## Rhymes and Shapes

1. Say the words.
2. Cut out the shapes at the bottom of the page.
3. Complete each shape. Paste each word next to a word it rhymes with.




4. 


6.



Name

## Word Family Flowers

1. Say the picture name on each flower.
2. Say the picture names on the petals.

- Which words rhyme with ?
- Which words rhyme with 0 ?

3. Cut and paste the petals on the correct flower.



Name

## Rhyme Roll Game

Players: 2

1. Take turns rolling a penny on the game board.
2. Say the word the penny lands on.
3. Think of two words that rhyme with that word.


Name

## Words on a Web

1. Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page.
2. Make new words that end with -it.
3. Paste the letters on the web.
4. Write the words on the lines.

5. $\qquad$ 5. $\qquad$
6. $\qquad$ 6. $\qquad$
7. $\qquad$ 7. $\qquad$
8. $\qquad$ 8. $\qquad$

Name

## Fat Cat Game

Players: 2

1. Start with number 1.

Think of 2 short-a words that rhyme-like fat cat.
2. The other player tries to guess the letters in the words.
3. For each new correct letter, draw 1 part of the cat.
4. Take turns using different short vowels. How many cats can you make?


Write the letters on the lines.

1. short a
rhyme $\qquad$
$\qquad$

2. short e rhyme $\qquad$

3. short o
rhyme $\qquad$

4. short i
rhyme $\qquad$

5. short u
rhyme $\qquad$


Name

## Rhyme Flip-Ups

1. Say the picture names at the bottom of the page.
2. Then read the words in the boxes.
3. Cut and paste the tab on each picture above the word it rhymes with.
4. Think of more rhyming words.

Make new flip-up pages.
Add them to the ones below.


| tab | tob | too | tob | ${ }_{\text {tab }}$ | tab |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ |  | $\stackrel{\square}{\overparen{\square O D O D}}$ | 6 | ${ }^{\circ}$ |

Name

## Rhyme Find

1. Say each picture name.
2. Which picture name at the bottom of the page rhymes with the picture names in each row?
3. Cut and paste the pictures into the correct boxes.


Name

## Rhyme Hunt

1. Do the word search puzzle below.

Find and circle the 5 words from each Word Bank.
Words can go across and down.
2. Then write the words on a sheet of paper.

| Word Bank |
| :--- |
| Words That Rhyme With <br> hide <br> ride <br> side <br> tide <br> wide |


| Word Bank |
| :--- |
| Words That Rhyme With <br> king <br> ring <br> sing <br> thing <br> wing |

## T H I N G K J X

W I NGBIU H
A D O S I NGL
F E C L Y G Z T
S J R I N G A I
I R I D E M V D
D T K E W I D E
E A P V H C X T

Name

## Silly Sock Rhymes

1. Read the word on each sock at the bottom of the page.
2. Find a sock on the line that has a word that rhymes.
3. Match up the socks that have words that rhyme.
4. Cut and paste the socks next to each other to make a pair.


Name

## Make It Rhyme

1. Look at the underlined word in each sentence.
2. Find a rhyming word at the bottom of the page.
3. Cut and paste it at the end of the sentence.
4. Draw a picture for each rhyme.
5. Can Jake ride down the $\qquad$ ?
6. We can each have a $\qquad$ .
7. Let's meet on Main $\qquad$ .
8. What do you say in the $\qquad$ ?
9. Sue likes to wear $\qquad$ .

|  |
| :--- |
|  |
|  |

Cut out the pictures. Paste them on the pages of your book.


What did Pop do with the mop?


Rhyme Time


What did Ben get from the men?


He got a hen and
a $\qquad$ .

What did Jan pack in the van?


She packed a pan and
a $\qquad$ .
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What did Bing bring to the king?


A ring, some string, and


Sop, flop, slop around
the $\qquad$ !



Some junk that stunk and
his


