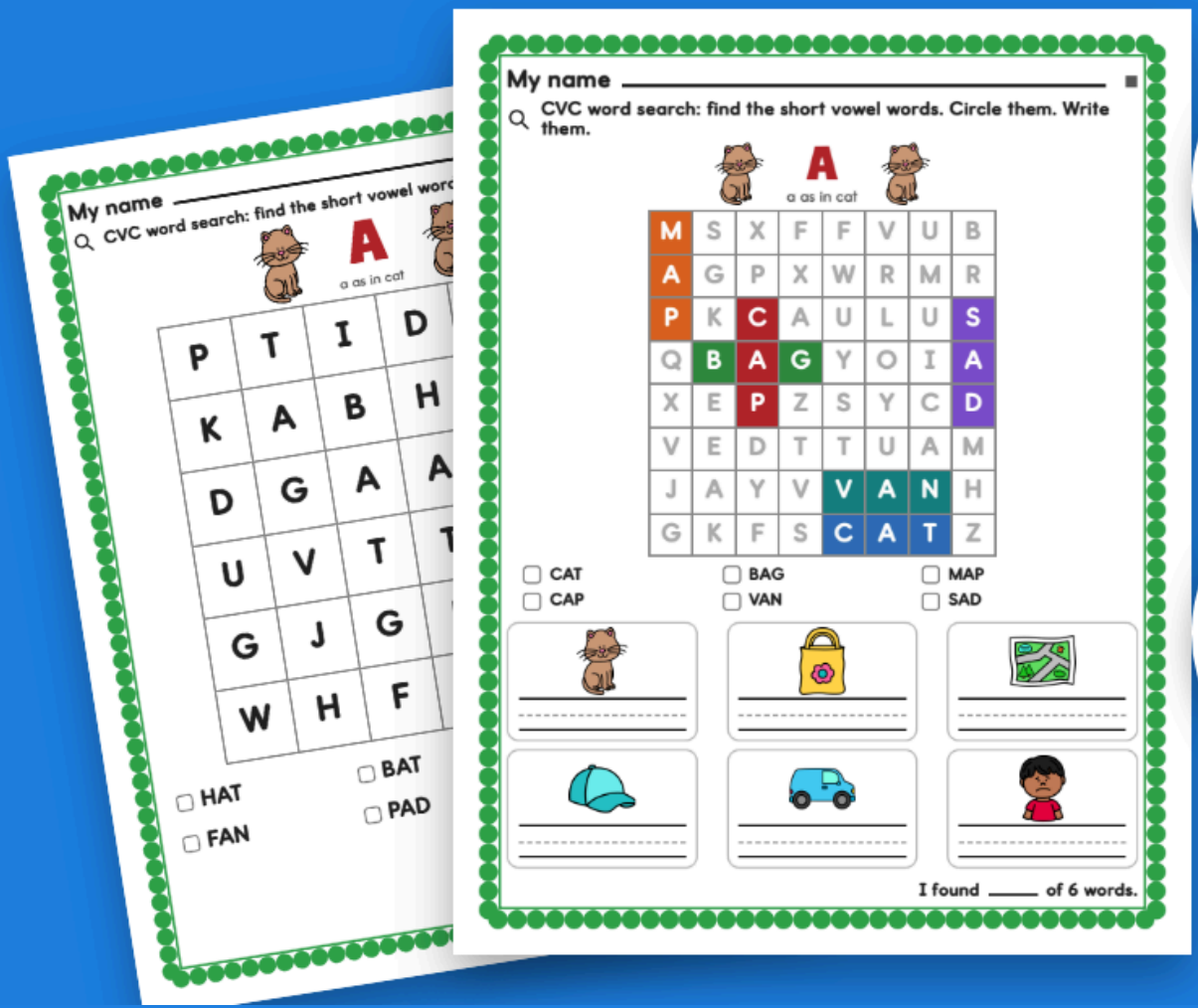
CVC WORD SEARCH

SHORT VOWEL PUZZLES
GRADES K-1



15 PUZZLES

55 PAGES

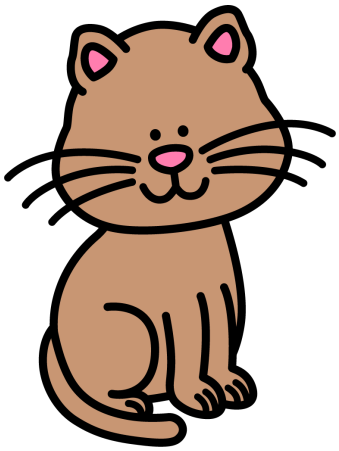
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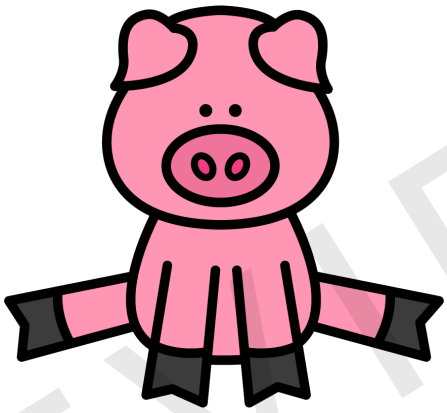
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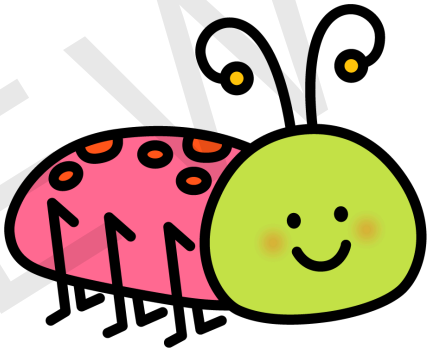
CVC

WORD SEARCH

a e i o u







My name _____

My class _____

My teacher _____

PREVIEW

Binder spine label: trim on the dashed line and slide it into a binder spine.



CVC WORD SEARCH



CVC Word Search: Start Here

What's inside



- **15 word searches** on sheets 6 to 20: short a, e, i, o and u at Level 1 and Level 2, plus 5 mixed-vowel puzzles at Level 3
- **100 hidden words**, all real CVC words: 30 at Level 1, 30 at Level 2, 40 at Level 3
- **A word bank with a box to tick** on every puzzle sheet
- **A picture to write the word under** at Level 2 (20 of the 30 words have a picture)
- A vowel chart (sheet 4), a sort page (21), a **Watch me** page with one word already found and written (22), make your own (23), a "when I am done" menu (24) and a progress page (25)
- **Ink-saver copies** in black and white with a plain border: the 15 puzzles, the sort page and make your own (sheets 26 to 42)
- A binder cover and spine label (2), 2 divider tabs, 8 answer key sheets (44 to 51), a class data page (52), a family letter (53), credits (55)



Three levels, marked with a shape

- ● **Level 1: find** A 6 by 6 grid with 6 words of one short vowel. Words go across or down. Tick each word in the bank when it is found.
- ■ **Level 2: find, circle and write** An 8 by 8 grid with 6 words of one short vowel. Circle each word, then write it on the line under its picture.
- ▲ **Level 3: mixed vowels** A 9 by 9 grid with 8 words that use all five vowels. Words go across, down or on the diagonal. The child then writes a sentence with a word.

The shape sits beside the name line instead of a number, so children are not comparing papers.

About the words

Every word is a consonant, a short vowel and a consonant. At Level 2, a picture is printed only where the picture names the word (for example cat, bed, dog, bug). A word with no picture shows the word in gray to trace and copy.

Where to use it

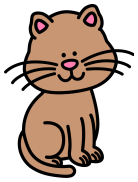
- **Small group:** read the chart on sheet 4 aloud, then do the first puzzle for a vowel together.
- **Centers and early finishers:** sheet 24 is a picture menu a child can follow alone. Slip a puzzle in a sheet protector and circle with a dry-erase marker.
- **Progress:** each puzzle has an "I found ___ of 6" line; sheet 52 is a class record. Answer keys: sheets 44 to 51.

PREVIEW

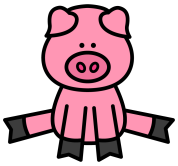
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My name _____

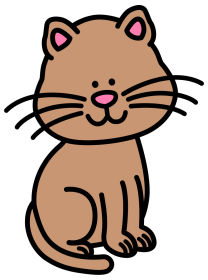
Read the vowels. Say each word.



SHORT VOWELS



A



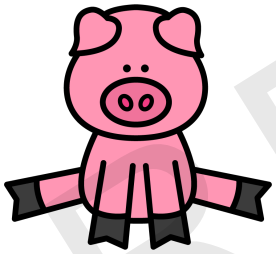
CAT
BAG
MAP
CAP

E



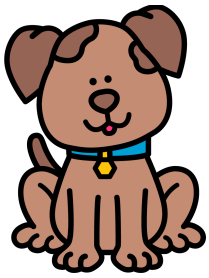
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I



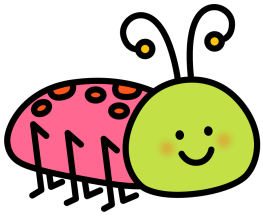
PIG
BIG
DIG
FIN

O



DOG
BOX
FOX
LOG

U



BUG
BUS
CUP
SUN



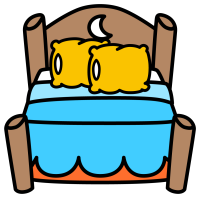
Say each word.
Tap each sound.

PREVIEW

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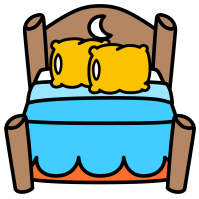
My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Tick each one.



E

e as in bed



P	E	N	E	V	G
C	P	C	X	W	H
O	Y	L	R	E	D
L	J	P	W	T	C
X	E	L	E	G	L
A	T	Z	B	D	V

PREVIEW

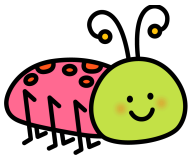
- ☐ PEN
- ☐ JET
- ☐ WEB
- ☐ LEG
- ☐ WET
- ☐ RED

I found _____ of 6 words.

Preview - Bright Path Sped

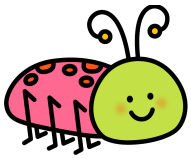
My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Tick each one.



U

u as in bug



N	U	T	R	Q	E
X	Z	V	U	H	G
W	Z	X	G	J	U
W	H	U	T	U	M
L	Q	Q	O	G	P
C	M	U	D	B	A

PREVIEW

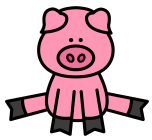
- ☐ RUG
- ☐ JUG
- ☐ HUT
- ☐ NUT
- ☐ MUD
- ☐ GUM

I found _____ of 6 words.

Preview - Bright Path Sped

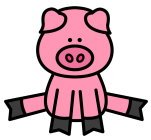
My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Circle them. Write them.



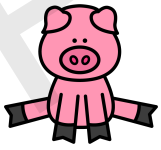
I

i as in pig



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

- [ ] PIG
- [ ] BIG
- [ ] DIG
- [ ] FIN
- [ ] SIT
- [ ] SIX



BIG

DIG

FIN

SIT

SIX

I found _____ of 6 words.

PREVIEW

Preview - Bright Path Sped

My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Tick each one.



MIXED I



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

- [ ] WAX
- [ ] SET
- [ ] KID
- [ ] HOG
- [ ] RUB
- [ ] YAM
- [ ] PET
- [ ] FIG

Pick a word. Write a sentence with it.

I found _____ of 8 words.

PREVIEW

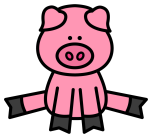
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My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Tick each one.



MIXED 4



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

PREVIEW

- ☐ TAN
- ☐ BEG
- ☐ MIX
- ☐ ROD
- ☐ BUN
- ☐ NAP
- ☐ WET
- ☐ HIT

Pick a word. Write a sentence with it.

I found _____ of 8 words.

Preview - Bright Path Sped

My name _____

CVC word search: watch me find a word.



1. Look for the first word: HAT.
2. Find it in the box. It goes down.
3. Circle it. I colored it in.
4. Tick the box. Write the word.

P	T	I	D	D	P
K	A	B	H	Q	A
D	G	A	A	K	D
U	V	T	T	Q	S
G	J	G	R	A	T
W	H	F	A	N	D

☑ HAT hat

☐ BAT

Now you try. Find BAT.

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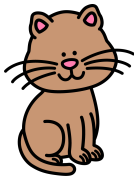
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My name _____

Write how many words you found.



MY WORD SEARCH PATH



Find

A	E	I	O	U
I found ____ of 6	I found ____ of 6	I found ____ of 6	I found ____ of 6	I found ____ of 6

Find and write

A	E	I	O	U
I found ____ of 6	I found ____ of 6	I found ____ of 6	I found ____ of 6	I found ____ of 6

Mixed

1	2	3	4	5
I found ____ of 8	I found ____ of 8	I found ____ of 8	I found ____ of 8	I found ____ of 8

PREVIEW

Preview · Bright Path Sped

My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Tick each one.



J	U	K	C	K	P
U	Z	J	T	I	P
F	I	G	B	T	I
K	P	B	Q	S	N
W	I	G	O	F	E
L	I	P	D	L	S

PREVIEW

- ☐ PIN
- ☐ WIG
- ☐ KIT
- ☐ LIP
- ☐ ZIP
- ☐ FIG

I found _____ of 6 words.

Preview · Bright Path Sped

My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Circle them. Write them.



A

a as in cat

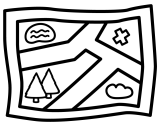


M	S	X	F	F	V	U	B
A	G	P	X	W	R	M	R
P	K	C	A	U	L	U	S
Q	B	A	G	Y	O	I	A
X	E	P	Z	S	Y	C	D
V	E	D	T	T	U	A	M
J	A	Y	V	V	A	N	H
G	K	F	S	C	A	T	Z

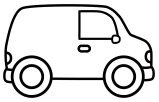
- ☐ CAT
- ☐ CAP
- ☐ BAG
- ☐ VAN
- ☐ MAP
- ☐ SAD













I found _____ of 6 words.

PREVIEW

Preview · Bright Path Sped

My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Circle them. Write them.



o

o as in dog



F	M	Q	P	O	D	T	P
I	O	N	Q	L	R	B	S
O	P	J	D	W	Z	O	I
G	O	B	Q	F	L	F	Y
D	O	G	L	O	Y	J	L
F	M	B	O	X	M	N	O
D	T	D	D	V	L	V	G
O	T	H	L	U	W	Q	U

- ☐ DOG
- ☐ LOG
- ☐ BOX
- ☐ MOP
- ☐ FOX
- ☐ POD



_____



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_____



_____

POD

_____

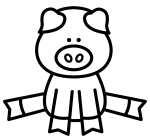
I found _____ of 6 words.

PREVIEW

Preview · Bright Path Sped

My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Tick each one.



MIXED 2



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

- ☐ LAP
- ☐ MEN
- ☐ LID
- ☐ JOG
- ☐ HUM
- ☐ GAP
- ☐ BET
- ☐ WIN

Pick a word. Write a sentence with it.

I found _____ of 8 words.

PREVIEW

Preview · Bright Path Sped

My name _____

CVC word search: find the short vowel words. Tick each one.



MIXED 5



O	L	Z	S	U	P	O	K	L
C	D	I	P	U	C	A	B	L
L	B	J	Z	Y	M	C	T	H
Y	Q	K	T	X	Q	N	F	Q
V	E	X	N	V	A	L	Z	F
G	W	S	O	L	F	W	B	U
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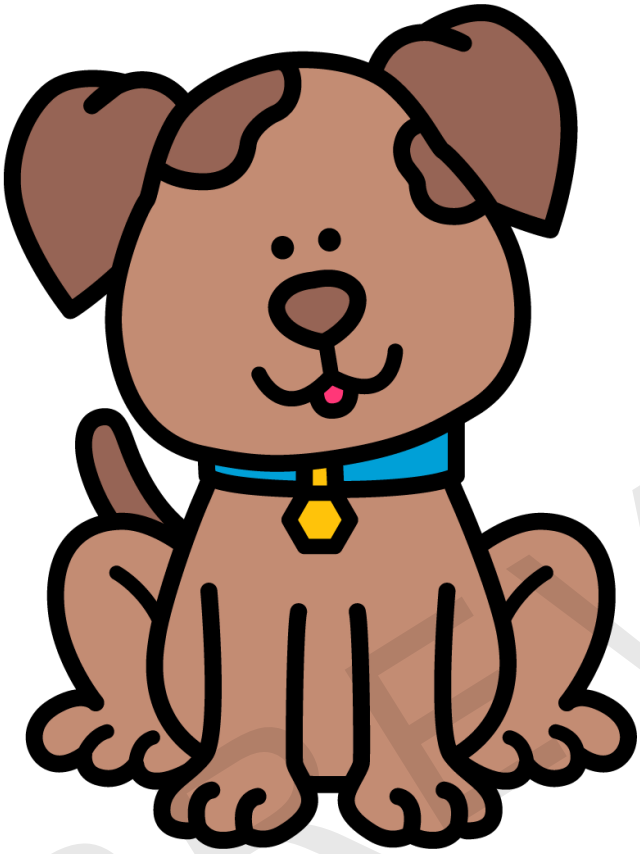
- ☐ CAB
- ☐ FOG
- ☐ NOD
- ☐ SUM
- ☐ YES
- ☐ WEB
- ☐ DIP
- ☐ FUN

Pick a word. Write a sentence with it.

I found _____ of 8 words.

PREVIEW

Preview - Bright Path Sped



KEYS

ANSWER KEYS AND FAMILY

Pages 44 to 53

Answer keys, class data page, family letter

PREVIEW

Answer Key: short i

Rows count from the top, columns from the left. Found words are shaded.

● short i: Level 1

J	U	K	C	K	P
U	Z	J	T	I	P
F	I	G	B	T	I
K	P	B	Q	S	N
W	I	G	O	F	E
L	I	P	D	L	S

Word	Starts at	Goes
PIN	row 2, col 6	down
WIG	row 5, col 1	across
KIT	row 1, col 5	down
LIP	row 6, col 1	across
ZIP	row 2, col 2	down
FIG	row 3, col 1	across

■ short i: Level 2

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

Word	Starts at	Goes
PIG	row 3, col 1	across
BIG	row 5, col 3	down
DIG	row 1, col 1	across
FIN	row 2, col 6	across
SIT	row 4, col 6	down
SIX	row 7, col 5	across

PREVIEW

Answer Key: Mixed 1 and Mixed 2

Rows count from the top, columns from the left. Found words are shaded.

▲ Mixed 1: Level 3

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

Word	Starts at	Goes
WAX	row 2, col 6	down
SET	row 3, col 7	across
KID	row 3, col 2	down
HOG	row 7, col 3	diagonal down-right
RUB	row 6, col 6	across
YAM	row 5, col 9	down
PET	row 1, col 1	diagonal down-right
FIG	row 2, col 3	across

▲ Mixed 2: Level 3

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

Word	Starts at	Goes
LAP	row 4, col 8	down
MEN	row 6, col 2	across
LID	row 5, col 5	diagonal down-right
JOG	row 1, col 3	across
HUM	row 5, col 1	across
GAP	row 7, col 4	down
BET	row 3, col 4	diagonal down-right
WIN	row 3, col 1	across

PREVIEW

Who Did What This Week

One row per child. Tick or write the number of words found for each puzzle.

Class: _____ Week of: _____ Teacher: _____

Student	Level 1					Level 2					Level 3					Notes
	a	e	i	o	u	a	e	i	o	u	1	2	3	4	5	

PREVIEW

Level 1 ● find Level 2 ■ find and write Level 3 ▲ mixed vowels (puzzles 1 to 5).

The sort page answers are on the Mixed 5 answer key (sheet 51).

Next week we will:

_____