

# Real or Nonsense

CVC WORDS • SORT



• 30 pages • 6 formats • 84 words



One complete kit for telling real words from nonsense words: the child reads a short CVC word and decides, by gluing, circling, coloring or writing. Real words go on Earth; nonsense words belong to Blip, a silly purple alien.

## THREE STEPS

## 1 Meet Blip together

Page 7 says it in kid words: a real word means something (hat, web, tub), a nonsense word does not (pab, tep, zib). Read the six words aloud, then let the child try the three steps at the bottom.

## 2 Pick a format for each child

Six ways to practice, easiest to hardest. The chart below says which page for which child. Each format has its own words, so a child never meets the same word twice on the student pages.

## 3 Check it, record it, send it home

The answer keys are pages 20 and 21. Date each page on the tracker (page 22), roll the group up on page 23 and send the home page (25). A filled example is on page 26.

## WHICH PAGE, WHEN

| WHEN...                                     | USE...                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meeting the idea for the first time         | Meet Blip, page 7                                            |
| Needs the most help (a faded word to match) | Match the Word, pages 8, 9                                   |
| A picture will help                         | Circle the Real Word, pages 13, 14                           |
| Ready to decide alone                       | Sort It, pages 10, 11, 12 · Color the Words, pages 15, 16    |
| Ready to write too                          | Read, Check, Write, pages 17, 18 · Blip's New Words, page 19 |
| Writing a progress note or a note home      | Team note, page 24 · phrase bank, page 27                    |

## Everything inside (30 pages)

- **13 student pages** in 6 formats: Match the Word 2, Sort It 3, Circle the Real Word 2, Color the Words 2, Read, Check, Write 2 and Blip's New Words 1, plus Meet Blip
- **84 different words** on the practice pages (42 real, 42 nonsense); **36 cut-out pieces** on 5 pages
- **2 answer keys, 1 tracker** (12 pages) and **1 class grid**
- **1 team note, 1 home page, 1 filled example, 1 phrase bank**
- **1 binder cover, 6 divider tabs** and a spine label to cut out

## Why nonsense words?

A real word can be read from memory or guessed from a picture. A nonsense word has to be sounded out letter by letter, so it shows a child whether the letters are being decoded. That is all this pack claims: it is practice, not a label and not a score.



My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Real words mean something. Nonsense words do not. You can read them anyway!



## Real Words

A real word means something.



hat



web



tub



## Nonsense Words

A nonsense word means nothing. Blip made it up!



pab



tep



zib

1

Sound it out.

2

Say the whole word.

3

Do you know it?  
Earth! No? Blip!





My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Cut out the words. Glue each one on its faded word.



## Real Words

mud

not

win



## Nonsense Words

fom

vam

lup



Cut on the dashed lines.

not

mud

vam

lup

win

fom





My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Read each word. Real words go on Earth. Nonsense words go with Blip.



Real Words



Nonsense Words

✂ Cut on the dashed lines.

jug

mad

hug

rup

yop

zab

van

teb



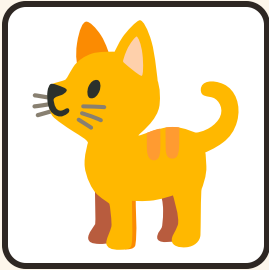
My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



☐ Look at the picture. Circle the real word.

1



cat

heg

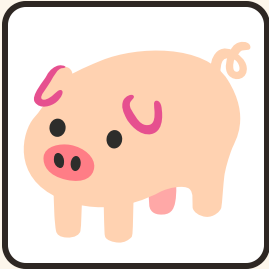
2



jop

bed

3



lub

pig

4



sun

hab



My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Read the word. Color real words green. Color nonsense words purple.



real



nonsense

1

fan

2

gep

3

kom

4

men

5

nut

6

wag

7

yab

8

gug

9

kit

10

yes



My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Read the word. Check real or nonsense. Write the word.

1

pib

☐

Real

☐

Nonsense

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2

tap

☐

Real

☐

Nonsense

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---

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3

meb

☐

Real

☐

Nonsense

---

---

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4

zam

☐

Real

☐

Nonsense

---

---

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5

cub

☐

Real

☐

Nonsense

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6

wig

☐

Real

☐

Nonsense

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My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Make words with the letter chips. Check real or nonsense.

First letter

k

l

m

v

z

Vowel

a

e

i

o

u

Last letter

d

n

p



1

  
☐

Real

☐

Nonsense

2

  
☐

Real

☐

Nonsense

3

  
☐

Real

☐

Nonsense

4

  
☐

Real

☐

Nonsense





STUDENT

TEACHER

MONTH

| PAGE | WHAT IT IS               | DATE | READ IT | RIGHT | NOTES |
|------|--------------------------|------|---------|-------|-------|
| 8    | Match the Word A (6)     |      |         |       |       |
| 9    | Match the Word B (6)     |      |         |       |       |
| 10   | Sort It A (8)            |      |         |       |       |
| 11   | Sort It B (8)            |      |         |       |       |
| 12   | Sort It C (8)            |      |         |       |       |
| 13   | Circle Real Word A (4)   |      |         |       |       |
| 14   | Circle Real Word B (4)   |      |         |       |       |
| 15   | Color the Words A (10)   |      |         |       |       |
| 16   | Color the Words B (10)   |      |         |       |       |
| 17   | Read, Check, Write A (6) |      |         |       |       |
| 18   | Read, Check, Write B (6) |      |         |       |       |
| 19   | Blip's New Words (4)     |      |         |       |       |

### How to fill this in

One row for each of the 12 practice pages (the number is the page; the number in brackets is how many words it has). Write the date, then **Alone** or **Help** in Read it, then how many the child got right, for example 5 of 6. A blank means not tried yet. Answers: pages 20 and 21. Filled example: page 26.

### THIS MONTH WE ARE WORKING ON





Ari L. is invented; nothing on this page describes a real student. The blank tracker is on page 22.

STUDENT

TEACHER

MONTH

Ari L. (an invented student)

Ms. Bello (invented)

September

| PAGE | WHAT IT IS               | DATE | READ IT | RIGHT   | NOTES                                                                |
|------|--------------------------|------|---------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8    | Match the Word A (6)     | 9/2  | Alone   | 6 of 6  | –                                                                    |
| 9    | Match the Word B (6)     | 9/3  | Alone   | 5 of 6  | Glued kib with the real words; sounded it out and moved it           |
| 10   | Sort It A (8)            | 9/9  | Help    | 6 of 8  | Put yop and teb with the real words; sounded them out and moved them |
| 11   | Sort It B (8)            | 9/10 | Alone   | 7 of 8  | Put zid with the real words; sounded it out and moved it             |
| 12   | Sort It C (8)            | 9/16 | Alone   | 8 of 8  | –                                                                    |
| 13   | Circle Real Word A (4)   | 9/17 | Alone   | 4 of 4  | –                                                                    |
| 14   | Circle Real Word B (4)   | 9/17 | Alone   | 3 of 4  | Circled mep first; read both words and changed it                    |
| 15   | Color the Words A (10)   | 9/23 | Help    | 9 of 10 | Colored kom green, then read it again                                |
| 16   | Color the Words B (10)   | –    | –       | –       | –                                                                    |
| 17   | Read, Check, Write A (6) | –    | –       | –       | –                                                                    |
| 18   | Read, Check, Write B (6) | –    | –       | –       | –                                                                    |
| 19   | Blip's New Words (4)     | –    | –       | –       | –                                                                    |

### How to read it

Ari L. has finished **8 of 12** pages. She read **6** alone and **2** with help. She got **48 of 54** words right on the pages she finished, and every word on **3** of them. Match the Word, Sort It and Circle the Real Word are done; Color the Words has one page to go. Every number comes from the table above.

### The family note this tracker would produce

“This month Ari L. finished 8 pages and read 6 of them without help. When a nonsense word landed on the wrong mat, she sounded it out again and moved it herself.” — every fact in it is a row of the table above.





# THANK YOU FOR USING THIS RESOURCE

Everything here was built for the teacher who has a table of children who each need a different amount of support to read a word and decide if it is real. If this helped, leaving feedback on TPT helps other teachers find it.

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32 Pages 12 CVC Words 4 Formats Answer Key

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