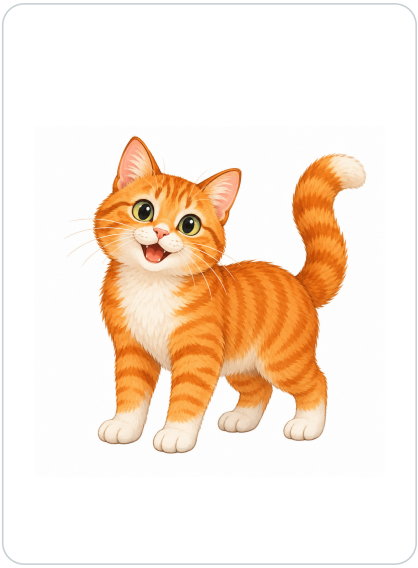
Short Vowel Picture Cards

60 cards | 12 words for each short vowel







Print at actual size (100%). Cut along the card borders.

For adults: introduce the picture names before independent practice.

A picture can have several names; use the intended names below.

Use regional short-o pronunciation consistently.

1. Listen and sort

Say a word naturally. Find its middle vowel sound.
Begin with two vowel groups, then add the other vowels.

2. Read and match

Read a word card before finding its picture.
Cover the image when checking independent decoding.

3. Say, segment, spell

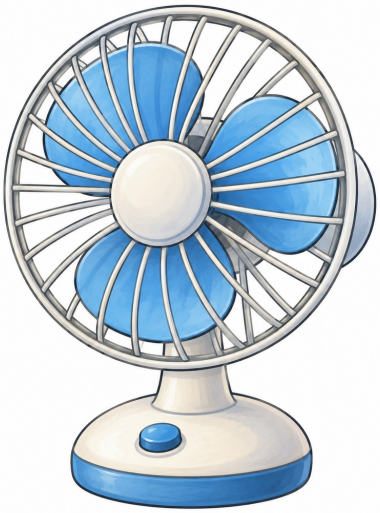
Name a picture. Say its sounds, then build or write the word.
Provide the name when a picture is unclear; do not test guessing.

Short A / Picture Only













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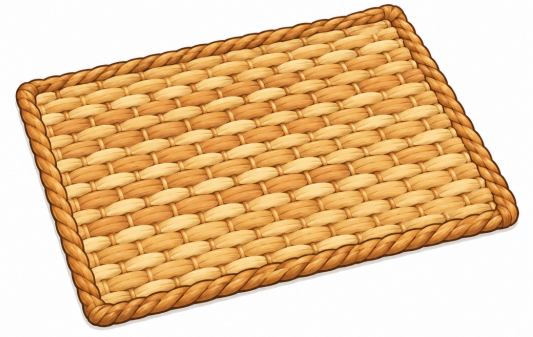












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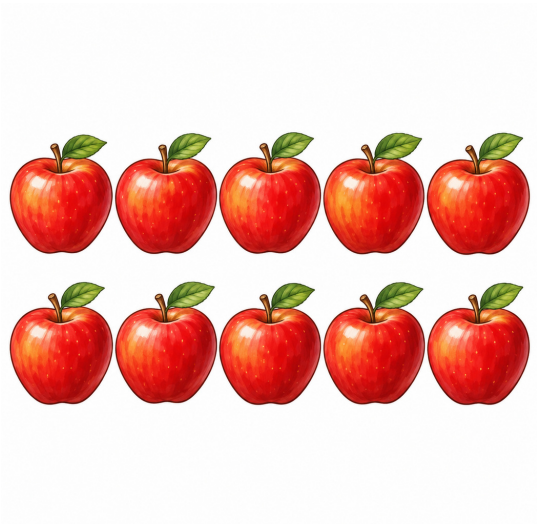




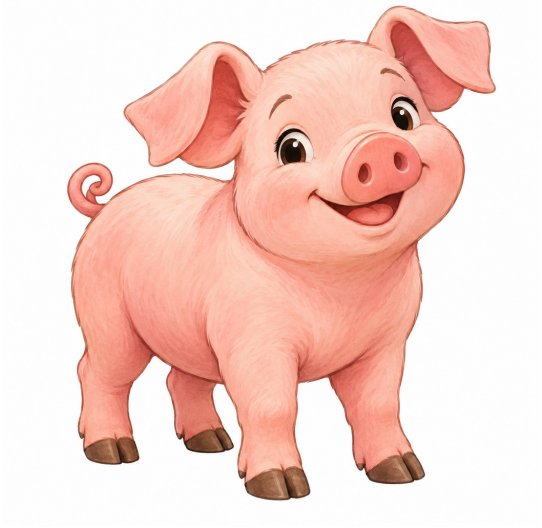








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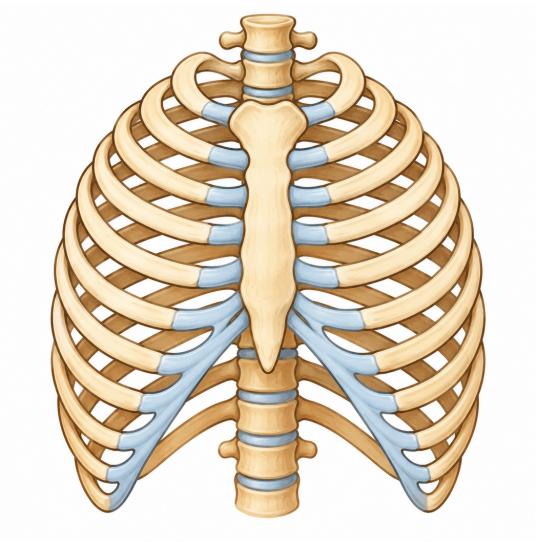
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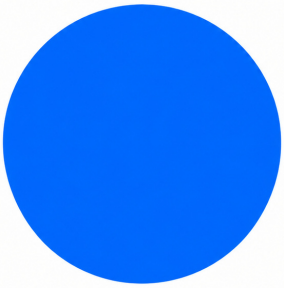




Short O / Picture Only













Short U / Picture Only













Short U / Picture Only













Picture names & teaching notes

Short A

cat hat map fan bag cap

bat pan can van ram mat

Short E

bed hen pen net leg web

jet peg gem vet pet ten

Short I

pig pin bib lid bin fin

lip wig zip kid rib sit

Short O

dog log pot fox cot mop

top rod dot hog hop nod

Short U

sun cup bug jug bus mug

nut hut tub cub pup gum

Some pictures need an adult naming cue: fin, lip, rib, vet, ten, hop and nod.

The pin is a safety pin. The peg is a clothespin. The rod is a fishing rod.

Pet / pup and cup / mug are intentionally related; introduce the target name.

Fox has four sounds: f + short o + k + s. The x spells two sounds.

Artwork was AI-generated and reviewed for this first edition.

You may print and reuse these cards for your own home or classroom.

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