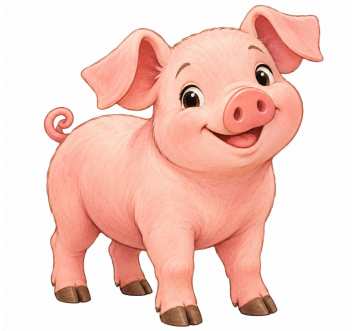
Short Vowel Picture Cards

60 cards | 12 words for each short vowel



cat



pig



sun

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 + Word



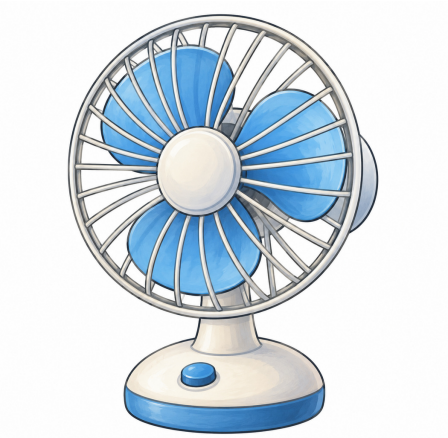
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hat



map



fan



bag



cap

Short A / Picture + Word



bat



pan



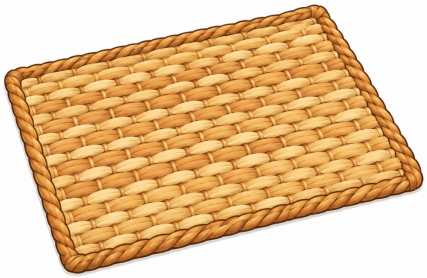
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ram



mat

Short E / Picture + Word



bed



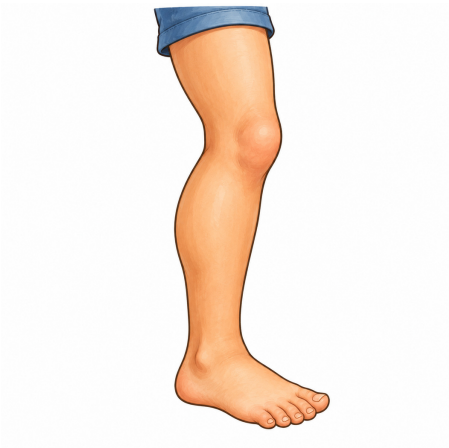
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pen



net



leg



web

Short E / Picture + Word



jet



peg



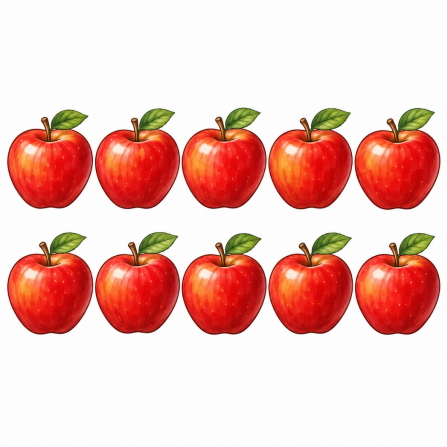
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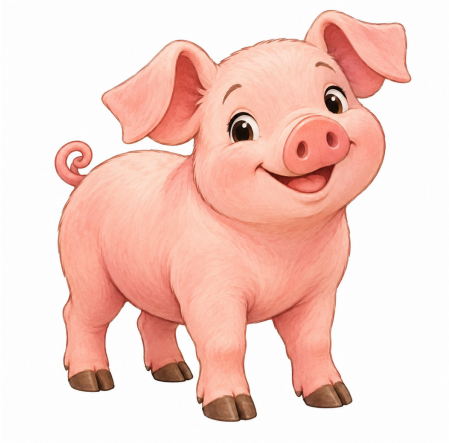


pet



ten

Short I / Picture + Word



pig



pin



bib



lid



bin



fin

Short I / Picture + Word



lip



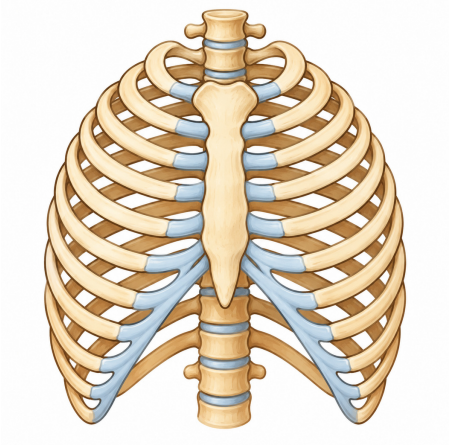
wig



zip



kid



rib



sit



dog



log



pot



fox



cot



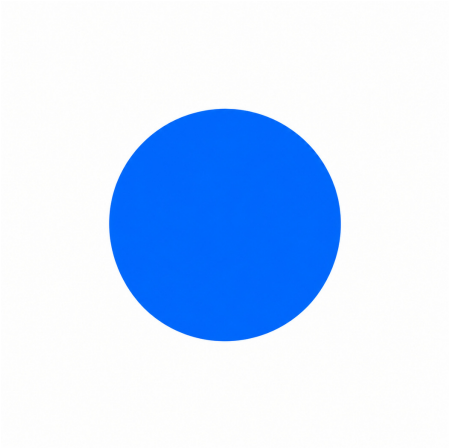
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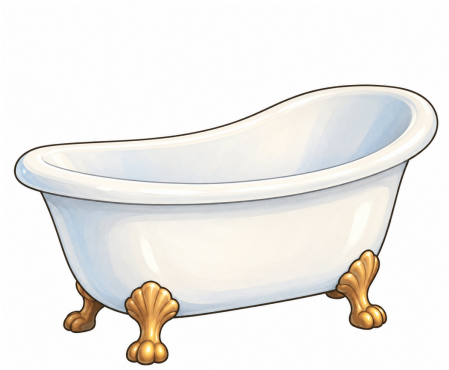
mug



nut



hut



tub



cub



pup



gum

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.

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