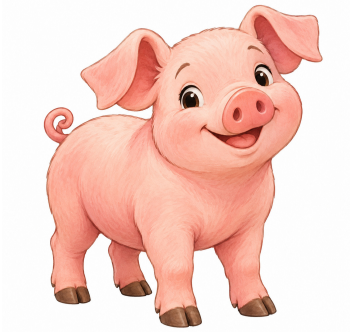
Short Vowel Picture Cards

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



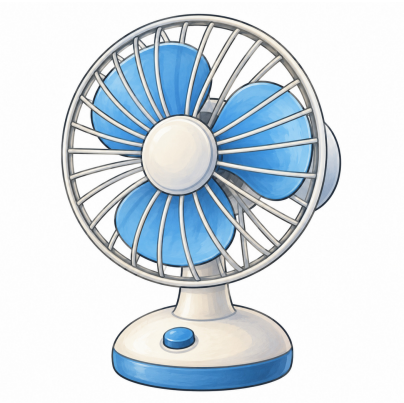
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hat



map



fan



bag



cap

Short A / Picture + Word



bat



pan



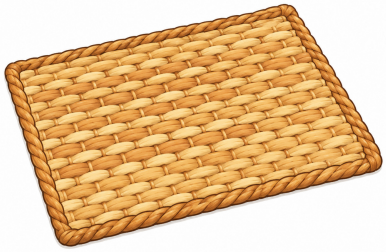
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Short E / Picture + Word



bed



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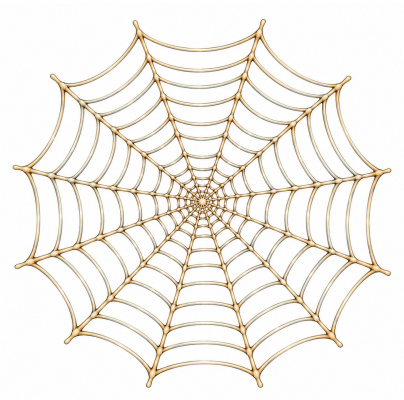
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net



leg

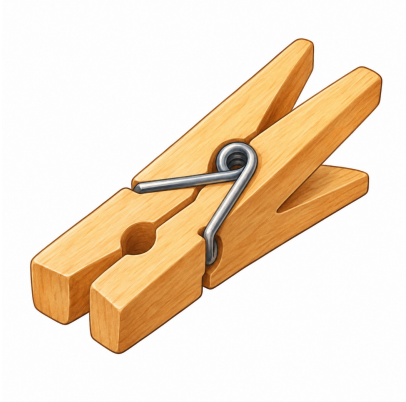


web

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jet



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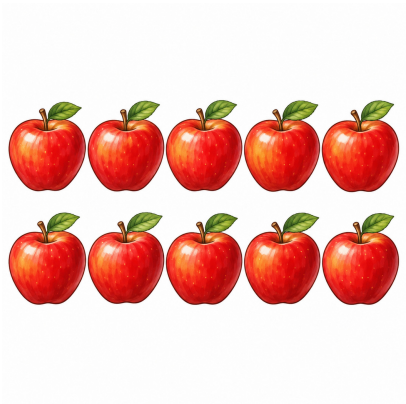
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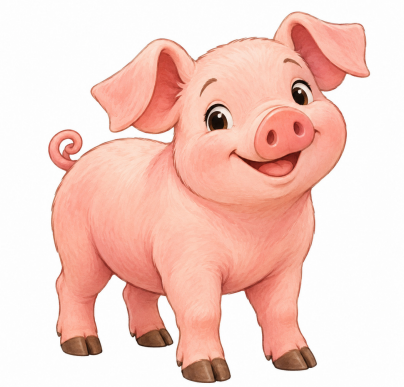


pet



ten

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pig



pin



bib



lid



bin



fin

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lip



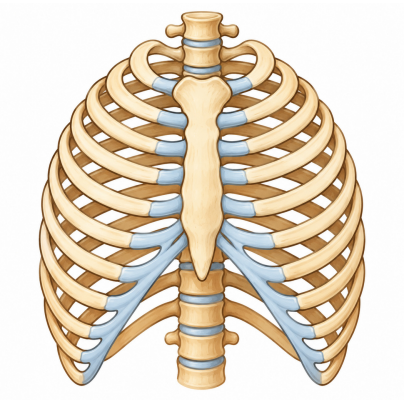
wig



zip



kid



rib



sit

Short O / Picture + Word



dog



log



pot



fox



cot



mop

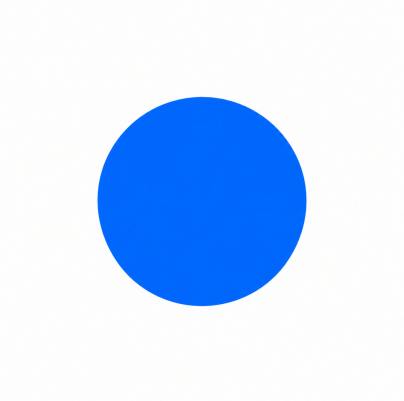
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top



rod



dot



hog



hop



nod



sun



cup



bug



jug



bus



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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