

Short Vowel Sounds Answer Key

Complete answers for all six Grade 1 worksheets

Short A Words

Circle the correct word: cat, bag, fan, map

Write the missing letter: cat, hat, jam, map, bag

Trace and write: cat, hat, jam

Read and color: cat, map, bag

Complete the sentences:

1. The cat is on the mat.
2. I have a red bag.
3. Mom has a hat.
4. We look at the map.

Bonus challenge: Answers will vary.

Short E Words

Read and circle: bed, hen, pen, net, red, leg

Match: bed-bed; hen-hen; pen-pen; net-net; ten-10

Missing letters: bed, pen, net, red, leg, hen

Read and write:

1. I see a net on the mat.
2. The pen is in the bed.
3. My hen is red.

Challenge sentence: Answers will vary.

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Short I and Short O worksheets

Short I Words

Read and circle: pig, pin, sit, lid, fish, six

Match: pig-pig; lid-lid; pin-pin; six-6; bib-bib

Missing letters: pig, sit, lid, fish, pin, six

Read and write:

1. The pig has a pin.
2. I sit on the mat.
3. The lid is on the pot.

Mini challenge: The pig can sit.

Short O Words

Read and circle: dog, log, fox, box, pot, hot

Match: dog-dog; mop-mop; pot-pot; log-log; box-box

Missing letters: dog, log, fox, box, hot, pot

Read and write:

1. The dog runs in the yard.
2. The pot is on the stove.
3. We put the toys in the box.

Challenge: The fox is on the log.

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Short U worksheet

Short U Words

Read and circle: sun, bug, cup, bus, rug, nut

Match: sun-sun; cup-cup; bug-bug; rug-rug; bus-bus

Missing letters:

1. sun
2. bug
3. cup
4. rug
5. bus
6. nut

Read and write:

1. The sun is hot.
2. I have a red cup.
3. The bus is big.

Mini challenge: The bug is on the rug.

Checking note

For matching activities, check the picture-word connection rather than line order.

For copied sentences, accept readable handwriting and correct word spacing.

Open-response challenge sentences can vary when they use the target short vowel correctly.

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Mixed Practice and Challenge worksheet

1. Choose the missing vowel

1. cat 2. bed 3. pig 4. hot 5. sun

The missing vowels are a, e, i, o, and u in that order.

2. Sort by vowel sound

Short a: cat

Short e: hen, bed

Short i: pig, fin

Short o: log, pot

Short u: sun, mug, hut

3-4. Picture review and challenge

Picture rows: circle every picture whose name uses the vowel shown.

Short-word choices: cap, fin, hop, tub.

Underline the short-vowel words in: The pup sat on the rug.

Possible missing-vowel words: mug, log, run. Other valid CVC words may be accepted.

Own short-u word and drawing: Answers will vary.