



## Unit 2: Short Vowels and CVC Words

Weeks 5-8 | Flexible 90-minute lessons

This ready-to-teach deck matches the Word curriculum and printable pack. Use it as a teaching guide, pacing tool, or visual warm-up during homeschool lessons.



# Unit Snapshot

## Focus skills

### Main weekly themes:

- ☐ Short a Families, Short i and Short o
- ☐ Patterns taught: -at, -an, -ap and more
- ☐ Balanced routine: phonics, reading, writing, and hands-on practice
- ☐ Built-in weekly check-ins and a unit test

## Teaching notes

- ❖ Keep lessons flexible and upbeat.
- ❖ Review old patterns before adding a new one.
- ❖ Use printables, cards, or household objects for practice.
- ❖ Add a short optional video only when it supports the target skill.



# Week 1: Short a Families

## Pattern and words

**Pattern(s)**: -at, -an, -ap, -am

**Word list**: cat, bat, fan, map, ham, cap

**Sight words**: the, a, and, is, to

**Model sentence**: The cat sat.

## Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

## Fun practice ideas

- Sound hunt around the house
- Roll and read with word cards
- Sentence scramble with cut-apart cards
- Quick check-in and confidence celebration



# Week 2: Short i and Short o

## Pattern and words

**Pattern(s)**: -ig, -it, -ip, -ot, -og

**Word list**: pig, sit, lip, hot, dog, hop

**Sight words**: we, go, in, on, it

**Model sentence**: The dog is hot.

## Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

## Fun practice ideas

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# Week 3: Short e and Short u

## Pattern and words

**Pattern(s)**: -et, -en, -ug, -un, -ut

**Word list**: pet, hen, bug, sun, cut, mug

**Sight words**: up, you, see, can, little

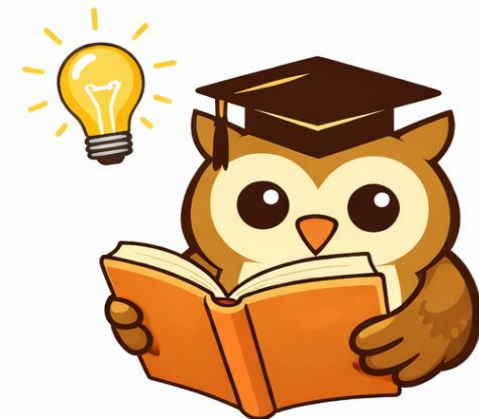
**Model sentence**: I see the bug.

## Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

## Fun practice ideas

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# Week 4: Mixed Short Vowels in Sentences

## Pattern and words

**Pattern(s)**: a e i o u

**Word list**: cat, hen, pig, dog, sun, mop

**Sight words**: said, was, are, come, here

**Model sentence**: The pig was in the sun.

## Daily lesson flow

- Day 1 - Introduce the pattern
- Day 2 - Blend and build words
- Day 3 - Read phrases and sentences
- Day 4 - Write and dictate
- Day 5 - Review, assess, and play

## Fun practice ideas

- Sound hunt around the house
- Roll and read with word cards
- Sentence scramble with cut-apart cards
- Quick check-in and confidence celebration





# Flexible 90-Minute Lesson Routine

**Warm-Up**

**10 min**

review cards, oral blending, quick sound drill

**Phonics**

**25 min**

teach the new pattern and connect sound to print

**Practice**

**20 min**

word building, worksheet, or hands-on game

**Reading**

**20 min**

read words, phrases, and a simple sentence or short text

**Writing**

**15 min**

trace, spell, and write words or a sentence

# Assessment and Progress Tracking

## Weekly check-in

- ☐ Can say the sounds
- ☐ Can blend the words
- ☐ Can read a sentence
- ☐ Can write a word
- ☐ Can explain what felt easy or hard

## Unit test

- ❖ Read 10 unit words
- ❖ Read 5 phrases or 3 sentences
- ❖ Spell 5 words from dictation
- ❖ Write 1 sentence with a sight word



Celebrate effort, not just accuracy. Use the tracker in the printable pack to note growth across all 4 weeks.



# Printable Pack Highlights

## Trace and Write

pattern tracing and handwriting practice

## Read and Write

word bank and sentence lines

## Sentence Builder

cut-apart cards or point-and-build work

## Flashcards

ready to cut and reuse

## Game Board

simple board game for Friday practice

