

CVC Word Families Cheat Sheet

The building blocks of reading. Change the first letter, make a new word!

Short a

-at

cat
hat
bat
mat
sat
rat

-an

can
man
pan
ran
fan
van

-ap

cap
map
nap
tap
lap
gap

-ag

bag
tag
rag
wag
sag

Short e

-en

hen
pen
ten
men
den

-et

get
jet
net
pet
wet
vet

-ed

bed
red
fed
led
wed

Short i

-ig

pig
big
dig
fig
wig

-in

pin
win
bin
fin
tin

-it

sit
hit
bit
fit
pit
kit

Short o

-og

dog
log
fog
hog
jog

-ot

hot
pot
dot
cot
not

-op

top
hop
mop
pop
cop

Short u

-ug

bug
hug
rug
mug
jug
tug

-un

run
sun
bun
fun
gun

-ut

cut
hut
nut
but
gut

How to Use CVC Word Families

A simple routine to help your child sound out and blend words.

1. Say the sounds

Point to a word like 'cat'. Have your child say each sound slowly: /c/ /a/ /t/.

2. Blend them together

Run the sounds together faster and faster until they hear the whole word: 'cat'.

3. Swap the first letter

Show how changing one sound makes a new word: cat -> hat -> bat. Same family!

4. Read it in a story

Find the word in a real book so your child sees it in context and builds confidence.

Your Turn: Build a Word Family

Pick an ending (like -at or -og) and write as many words as you can.

Ending: _____	Ending: _____	Ending: _____
_____	_____	_____
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