CVC Word List

All 230 consonant-vowel-consonant words, grouped by short vowel and word family.

A CVC word is a consonant, a short vowel and a consonant: cat, bed, pig, hot, sun. Because every letter says its usual sound, a child who knows the letter sounds can decode every word on these pages. Print one vowel per term, or keep all four pages in a planning folder as the reference list.

Teaching order: one vowel at a time, then one word family inside that vowel. Master the -at family before the -an family; the ending is what the child is learning, not the individual word.

Short A (59 words)

-ab (2)
lab tab

-ack (8)
back hack jack lack pack
rack sack tack

-ad (7)
bad dad lad mad pad
rad sad

-ag (4)
bag sag tag wag

-am (4)
ham jam ram yam

-an (6)
fan man pan ran tan
van

-ap (9)
cap gap lap map nap
rap sap tap zap

-ash (6)
bash cash dash hash lash
rash

-ass (4)
bass lass mass pass

-at (7)
bat cat fat hat pat
rat sat

-ax (2)
tax wax

Short E (31 words)

-eb (1)
web

-eck (3)
deck neck peck

-ed (4)
bed fed led red

-eg (2)
beg leg

-ell (5)
bell fell sell tell well

-em (1)
hem

-en (5)
den hen men pen ten

-esh (1)
mesh

-ess (2)
less mess

-et (7)
get jet let met net
pet set

Short I (52 words)

-ick (6)
kick lick pick sick tick
wick

-id (5)
bid kid lid mid rid

-ig (5)
big dig pig rig wig

-ill (6)
fill gill hill mill pill
sill

-im (2)
dim him

-in (6)
bin fin gin pin tin
win

-ip (8)
dip hip lip nip rip
sip tip zip

-ish (3)
dish fish wish

-iss (3)
hiss kiss miss

-it (7)
bit fit hit kit lit
pit sit

-ix (1)
mix

Short O (41 words)

-ob (5)
bob job mob rob sob

-ock (5)
dock lock mock rock sock

-od (6)
cod god nod pod rod
sod

-og (6)
bog cog dog fog jog
log

-op (4)
cop hop mop pop

-osh (1)
posh

-oss (4)
boss loss moss toss

-ot (8)
cot dot got hot lot
not pot rot

-ox (2)
box fox

Short U (47 words)

-ub (4)
pub rub sub tub

-uck (6)
buck duck luck puck suck
tuck

-ud (1)
mud

-uff (5)
buff cuff huff muff puff

-ug (8)
bug dug hug jug lug
mug rug tug

-ull (3)
bull full pull

-um (4)
gum hum mum sum

-un (6)
bun fun gun nun run
sun

-up (2)
cup pup

-us (1)
bus

-ush (2)
bush push

-ut (5)
but cut gut hut nut

More free resources: cvc-words.com/cvc-word-lists.html (interactive lists), /cvc-printables.html (every printable), /cvcc-words.html (the next step).