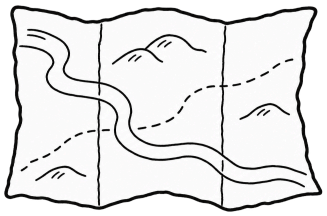
Secret Joke Decoder

Short vowels · CVC words

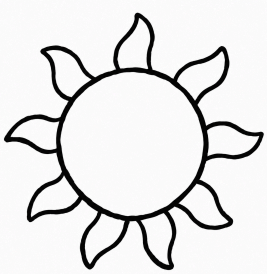
1. Use the pictures and word bank to fill in each missing letter. Copy each numbered letter into the joke below.

hat sun map pan cat bat



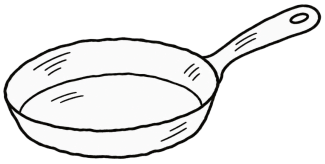
m a

1



s u

2



p n

3



a t

4



b a

5



h t

6

What does a sleepy kitten take?

A _ _ _

Feed the Monster

Beginning digraphs · sh, ch, th

1. **Read** each snack word in the word bank. Feed the monsters! **Write** each word on a line under the monster with the same beginning sound. Use each word once.

chip chat ship thud thin shin thank chin shut







sh	ch	th
My own sh word	**My own ch word**	**My own th word**

Say each digraph as one sound. An adult can read the directions.

Help the Cat Get to the Treasure

Short vowels · CVC words

1. Help the cat get to the treasure! Read the first word. Follow each clue and change just one letter. Write and read your new word.

1. c a t — Start here. Say each sound, then blend.



2. _____ — Change a to o.

3. _____ — Change c to d.

4. _____ — Change t to g.

picture: treasure chest

Phonics Detective

Short vowels · CVC words

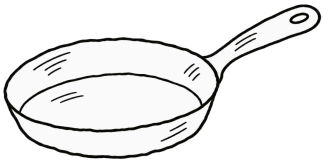
1 Look closely! Read all three words. Circle the word that matches the picture, then write it.

Clue 1



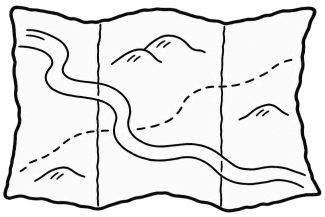
bit bag bat

Clue 2



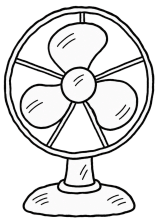
pat pin pan

Clue 3



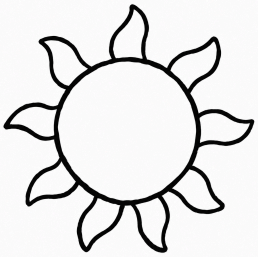
mop mat map

Clue 4



fan fat fin

Clue 5



sum sin sun

Clue 6



cot cat cap

Detective challenge: circle the animal pictures.

Real or Ridiculous?

Short vowels · CVC words

1. Sound out every word, even the silly ones. Sort them into real words and made-up words.

hat bat cat fan teg vun sun zat zog fep mip pan

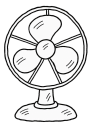
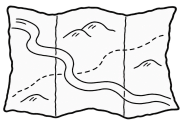
Real words	Made-up words

Robot voice challenge: read the made-up words aloud!

Build a Silly Creature

Short a · picture matching

1 Draw a line from each word to its picture. Then pick parts, copy them and build a silly creature!

cat ○	○ **A**	
hat ○	○ **B**	
fan ○	○ **C**	
map ○	○ **D**	

All matched? Pick your parts. Copy them below.

parts: eyes	**parts: ears**	**parts: legs**	**parts: tails**
parts: noses	**parts: wings**	**parts: horns**	**parts: spots**

Sound Maze

Short a · distinguish a, i, o, u

1. Help the bat get home. Start at the top left. Move up, down, left or right through short-a words only. No diagonal moves.



START ↓

hat START	bat	rug	sit
dog	fan	cat	sun
mop	pin	pan	mat
cup	pig	hot	map HOME

Read your path aloud, then draw a line through it.

Word Family Carnival

Short a · -at, -an, -ap word families

1. Read the ticket words. Write each ticket under its rhyming word family. Fill every ride with three tickets!

fan can tap mat lap bat map pan cat

-at	-an	-ap
Word family ride	Word family ride	Word family ride

Bonus: read each family. Can you hear the rhyme?

Fix the Mixed-Up Zoo

Short vowels · change one sound

1. These zoo labels are mixed up! Look at each animal. Cross out the wrong letter. Write the correct word.



cot

Fix it: _____



dig

Fix it: _____



bit

Fix it: _____

Design a new animal sign. Draw an animal, then write its name.

_____

Roll, Read & Draw

Short a · repeated decoding

1. Roll a die, read the matching word, then draw it in the big box. No die? Point to a row with your eyes closed. Keep going until you finish all six.

1 **pan**

2 **hat**

3 **fan**

4 **bat**

5 **cat**

6 **map**

Read all six words to someone. Tick each word as you read it.

Answer key: Phonics Play Pack

Teacher page

1. Secret Joke Decoder

1. 1: map; copy P.
2. 2: sun; copy N.
3. 3: pan; copy A.
4. 4: cat; copy C.
5. 5: bat; copy T.
6. 6: hat; copy A.
7. Joke: A CAT NAP.

2. Feed the Monster

1. sh: ship, shin, shut. Own word: any sh word, such as shop.
2. ch: chip, chat, chin. Own word: any ch word, such as chop.
3. th: thud, thin, thank. Own word: any th word, such as thick.

3. Help the Cat Get to the Treasure

1. cat → cot → dot → dog

4. Phonics Detective

1. Clue 1: bat (animal).
2. Clue 2: pan.
3. Clue 3: map.
4. Clue 4: fan.
5. Clue 5: sun.
6. Clue 6: cat (animal).

5. Real or Ridiculous?

1. Real: cat, hat, sun, bat, pan, fan.
2. Made-up: vun, zog, teg, mip, zat, fep.

6. Build a Silly Creature

1. cat → picture B.
2. hat → picture D.
3. fan → picture A.
4. map → picture C.
5. Creature drawing will vary.

7. Sound Maze

1. Path: hat → bat → fan → cat → pan → mat → map.
2. Cells, counting left to right from the top: 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 16.

8. Word Family Carnival

1. -at: mat, bat, cat.
2. -an: fan, can, pan.
3. -ap: tap, lap, map.

9. Fix the Mixed-Up Zoo

1. cot → cat; change o to a.
2. dig → dog; change i to o.
3. bit → bat; change i to a.
4. New sign: answers will vary.

10. Roll, Read & Draw

1. Roll 1: pan. Drawing should match the word.
2. Roll 2: hat. Drawing should match the word.
3. Roll 3: fan. Drawing should match the word.
4. Roll 4: bat. Drawing should match the word.
5. Roll 5: cat. Drawing should match the word.
6. Roll 6: map. Drawing should match the word.

Read the directions aloud when needed. Drawings, own words and oral reading may vary.