

# Blending CVC Words

**How to use:** Print first for the main practice. Then use the device to repeat activities and save progress.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Blend three sounds — consonant + vowel + consonant — to read a short CVC word
- 2 Identify the middle vowel sound when sounding out a CVC word

## MINI LESSON

In Lesson 1 you learned the five short vowel sounds. Now we are going to use those sounds to read real words! A CVC word has three letters: a Consonant, a Vowel, and another Consonant.

### What is blending?

- Blending means saying each sound one at a time, then pushing them together into a word.
- Example: c – a – t ' /k/ /a/ /t/ ' cat
- Think of it like sliding sounds down a ramp into one smooth word.

### The three-step blend

- Step 1 — Start sound: Say the first consonant sound. /s/
- Step 2 — Middle sound: Say the vowel sound. /i/
- Step 3 — End sound: Say the last consonant. /t/
- Now blend: /s/ /i/ /t/ ' sit

### Common CVC word families

- -at family: cat, hat, bat, mat, sat, rat
- -in family: bin, fin, pin, tin, win
- -op family: hop, mop, pop, top, cop
- -en family: hen, pen, ten, men, den
- -ug family: bug, hug, mug, rug, tug

## VOCABULARY

**Blending** Saying each sound one at a time and then pushing them together to make a whole word  
*e.g. /k/ /a/ /t/ ' cat*

**Word family** A group of CVC words that share the same ending vowel-consonant pattern  
*e.g. -at family: cat, hat, bat, mat*

### Blend the sounds, read the word

c a t → cat

s u n → sun

m a p → map

Say each sound, then push them together.

### Sound to Word

s i t

point under each letter

/s/ /i/ /t/

sit

! Ask yourself: "What is the first sound? What is the middle sound? What is the last sound? Now blend!"

### GUIDED PRACTICE — MINI-BOOK

#### MINI-BOOK

## The Big Red Hen

Page 1

A big red hen sat on a log. She had a nest on top. Find a CVC word. Blend it!

Page 2

The hen got up and ran fast. She ran to the big bin. What did the hen get? What CVC word rhymes with "ran"?

Page 3

In the bin was a fat bug. The hen dug and dug. Blend the word "bug." What are the three sounds?

Page 4

The hen sat in the hot sun. She was a very happy hen! Find two CVC words on this page. Blend them both!

The End

### EXERCISES — FILL IN THE BLANKS

Sound out each word and write it on the line.

1. ~~c~~ a t ' \_\_\_\_\_

2. ~~s~~ o g ' \_\_\_\_\_

3. s u n ' \_\_\_\_\_

4. ~~h~~ e n ' \_\_\_\_\_

5. ~~b~~ u g ' \_\_\_\_\_

6. ~~c~~ a t ' \_\_\_\_\_

7. p - i - n ' \_\_\_\_\_
8. o - o - p ' \_\_\_\_\_
9. e - e - n ' \_\_\_\_\_
10. a - a - t ' \_\_\_\_\_

## EXERCISES — MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the best answer for each question.

**1. What does CVC stand for?**

- Color, Voice, Color
- Consonant, Vowel, Consonant
- Cat, Van, Cup

**2. What does blending mean?**

- Saying each sound and pushing them together to make a word
- Spelling a word by writing only the vowels
- Reading only the last letter of a word

**3. Where is the vowel in a CVC word?**

- At the start
- At the end
- In the middle

**4. What word do these sounds make? s - i - t**

- set
- sit
- six

**5. Which of these is a CVC word?**

- cat
- tree
- shop

**6. What word do these sounds make? h - o - p**

- hip
- hot
- hop

**7. Which word belongs to the same word family as "cap" and "nap"?**

- mat
- map
- mop

**8. What is the middle sound in the word "pen"?**

- short e — /e/
- short i — /i/
- short a — /a/

**9. Which correctly shows the three sounds of the word "bug"?**

- b - ug - zero
- bu - g
- b - u - g

**10. Why is blending an important reading skill?**

- Because it helps you write longer words faster
- Because it lets you turn sounds into words so you can read
- Because it teaches you to spell without sounding out

## ASSESSMENT

### PARENT / TEACHER CHECKLIST

- Says each of the three sounds of a CVC word separately before blending
- Successfully blends at least 7 out of 10 CVC words correctly in the fill-in activity
- Identifies the vowel in the middle of a CVC word when asked
- Finds and blends CVC words in the mini-book story with minimal prompting