

Phonics Rule 1: CVC Words (Consonant-Vowel-Consonant)

CVC words are the three letter words with a consonant-vowel-consonant pattern. They feature short vowel sounds: /a/ as in *ran*; /e/ as in *let*; /i/ as in *pig*; /o/ as in *dog*; and /u/ as in *bun*. CVC Words are used to teach decoding and encoding processes.



Decoding is the ability to sound out unfamiliar words, as shown in the table below.

Process for Decoding by Phoneme	Example
1. Underline the vowel letter.	1. b <u>a</u> t*
2. Say the vowel sound.	2. “/ă/”
3. Say each sound from beginning to end.	3. “/b/ /ă/ /t/”
4. Blend the sounds together to form a word.	4. “bat”

Encoding is the ability to spell words by matching an appropriate letter to each sound, as shown below.

Process for Encoding by Phoneme	Example
1. Say the word.	1. “bus”
2. Finger spell the word to isolate each phoneme.	2. “/b/ /ü/ /s/”
3. Say the phonemes again while writing a line for each letter.	3. “/b/ /ü/ /s/” _ _ _
4. Write a letter for each phoneme on its line.	4. <u>b</u> <u>u</u> <u>s</u>

Prerequisites

1. Students can blend and segment CVC words using sounds (phonemes), not letters.
2. Students can generate spellings of CVC words that contain a vowel letter (not necessarily the right one).
3. Students are automatic with sound/symbol correspondence (i.e., they know their letters and sounds).

Lists of words are included below. To extend these lists of words, create nonsense words using the Rhyming Rime Machine.

A

-ad	-am	-an	-ap	-at
bad	ham	ban	cap	bat
cad	jam	can	gap	cat
dad	Pam	dan	lap	fat
fad	ram	fan	map	hat
had	Sam	Jan	nap	mat
lad	yam	man	rap	Nat
mad		Nan	sap	pat
pad		pan	tap	rat
sad		ran	yap	sat
tad		tan	zap	tat
		van		vat

E

-ed	-em	-en	-et
bed	hem	Ben	bet
fed	Jem	den	jet
Jed		hen	let
med		Jen	met
Ned		Ken	net
red		men	pet
Ted		pen	set
wed		ten	vet
zed		yen	wet
		zen	yet

I

-id	-ig	-in	-ip	-it
bid	big	bin	dip	bit
did	dig	din	hip	fit
hid	fig	fin	kip	hit
lid	jig	kin	lip	kit
rid	pig	pin	nip	lit
Sid	rig		pip	nit
	wig		rip	pit
			sip	sit
			tip	wit
			yip	zit
			zip	

O

-od	-og	-op	-ot
cod	bog	cop	bot
God	cog	hop	cot
pod	dog	lop	hot
rod	fog	mop	jot
sod	hog	pop	lot
	jog	top	not
	log		pot
			rot

U

-ub	-ud	-ug	-un	-ut
bub	bud	bug	bun	but
cub	dud	dug	fun	gut
dub	mud	hug	gun	hut
pub		jug	pun	jut
rub		lug	run	mut
tub		mug	sun	nut
		pug		rut
		rug		tut
		tug		