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The Wiz Kids



Character Cards

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What is it?

The Wiz Kids Character Cards is a resource to use in your classroom alongside The Wiz Kids decodable books. Each card features an illustration and name of a character from The Wiz Kids stories.

Using the characters from the stories helps reinforce the phoneme–grapheme correspondences as children link the names on the cards to familiar faces. These cards are the perfect size for use in the classroom (see ideas below). The cards can be used in a range of games and activities that encourage reading and comprehension.

Activities, games and ideas

Through The Wiz Kids decodable books, children follow a range of characters on all sorts of fun adventures. A new, diverse group of characters are introduced in each set of books, including Vog the alien, Bob the sausage dog and Viv the scientist!

To get the most from your Character Cards and to get to know The Wiz Kids characters better, check out the ideas below...

Read and collect

We know that children love to collect cards and rewards. So, each time you read a book with new characters, reward the milestone by letting a child put a new Character Card on the display wall.

Display

Brighten up your Little Learners Love Literacy® display with these relevant cards that reinforce your focus phoneme–grapheme correspondences and show the progress students are making in the program.



Small-group reading

Add a set of cards to your small-group reading book boxes, so they are ready to go when you are.

Before reading

- Introduce the new characters children will meet in the book (see our character grid).
- Use the character names for decoding practice (and any other relevant teaching points highlighted in the character grid).

After reading

- Show children the cards for the characters they met in the book. Ask them questions about the character to encourage reflection about the story and characters.

Writing

- Ask children to pick a card from a pile (face down). Read the character name out loud and ask them to spell it. They could also write a sentence about the character and draw a picture. For example, Mip – 'Mip is a dog.' Sam – 'Sam is fit.'
 - Attach wooden popsicle sticks on the back of each card for children to use as puppets. Ask children to retell the story they just read or act out their own story using the puppets.
 - Create a 'lucky dip' bag with Character Cards inside. Children take 2–3 characters from the bag and write a story that includes them. You could use a bag of items or pictures of places to scaffold children's stories even further.
 - Write some character fact files using the information you have found in the storybooks. What words would you use to describe the characters?
 - Make duplicates of the cards to play snap using the downloadable PDF version of the cards. Children will get extra reading practice without even realizing it.
- ### Take-home ideas
- When new characters are introduced in the decodable books, send home the corresponding Character Card for children to discuss with their parents/carers.
 - When children take a Character Card home, encourage them to write a postcard or even a blog post about the character's 'visit' to their house.

Foundation

New characters in Stages 1-4

Find out when we meet new characters so you can introduce them in your small-group reading sessions.

Stage	Book	New character	Teaching points
1	Tip, Tip, Tip	Pam	These character names are decodable CVC words. Talk about how all names have a capital letter. Medial vowels: /a/ and /i/ Consonants: /t/, /m/, /p/, /s/, /k/
		Sim	
		Tam	
	Tap, Tap, Tap	Pat	
		Sam	
	Fip, Fap, Fit	Cam	
	Mac		
	Is Sam Fit?	Mip	
2	Hot Dog Bob	Viv	These character names are decodable CVC words. Medial vowels: /i/ and /o/ Consonants: /v/, /b/ and /g/
		Bob	
	Vog	Vog	
3	On the Log	Quin	These character names are decodable CVC words. Medial vowels: /i/, /e/, /a/ and /o/ Consonants: /k+w/, /n/, /p/, /g/, /r/, /z/, /k/, /d/, /r/, /f/, /b/, /l/, /v/, /m/
		Peg	
	Roz	Roz	
		Zac	
	Yim Yam Dam	Dan	
		Raf	
		Ben	
		Len	
		Vin	
	In the Fog	Min	
Zed			
	Zap		
4	The Jet Set Kids	Will	Double consonants – two letters making one sound: ll /l/ New consonants: /w/, /j/
		Jen	
		Kaz	
	Fix My Laptop	The Laptop Wiz	

Which characters are in the book?

Stage	Book	Characters in this book
1	Tip, Tip, Tip	Pam, Sim, Tam
	Tap, Tap, Tap	Pat, Sam
	Fip, Fap, Fit	Cam, Mac
	Is Sam Fit?	Sam, Mip
	If	Sam, Cam, Mac, Mip
2	Hot Dog Bob	Viv, Bob
	Pop!	Viv, Bob
	Vog	Vog
	Vog in the Pod	Vog
	Bam!	Viv, Bob, Vog
3	On the Log	Quin, Peg
	Roz	Roz, Zac
	Yim Yam Dam	Dan, Raf, Quin, Roz, Ben, Len, Vin, Min, Zac
	Vin the Vet's Quiz	Vin, Raf, Ben, Len, Quin, Roz, Zac
	In the Fog	Roz, Zac, Zed, Zap
4	The Jet Set Kids	Will, Jen, Kaz
	Mix it Up	Will, Jen, Kaz
	Fix my Laptop	Jen, the Laptop Wiz
	The Bug Wiz	Will, Jen, Kaz
	But	Will, Jen, Kaz

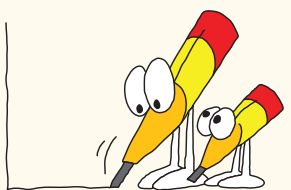
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with words they CAN read

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