



# Why Phonics Fun?

**L**earning to read is a fun and exciting time in a child's life, and being able to decode words is an important skill that gives young readers the confidence and the ability to read new and unfamiliar words. Phonics is a method of teaching beginning readers to decode by learning the spoken sounds associated with written letters and letter pairs. To become skilled readers, children must internalize these associations in order to read words without having to sound them out letter by letter or part by part. In addition, phonics instruction gives new readers the tools necessary for making the important connection between sounds and their spellings. Becoming fluent or automatic with these skills helps develop reading fluency and builds a strong foundation in reading comprehension, an important skill for academic success.

Upon your child's completion of each activity, use the provided incentive chart and stickers to track progress and celebrate your child's success.

## SKILLS

- Consonant sounds
- Short vowel sounds
- Long vowel sounds
- Y as a vowel
- Letter pair blends with l, r, s
- Letter pair digraphs (ch, sh, th)
- Vowel pair diphthongs (ou, ow, oi, oy)
- Sounds of oo (as in moon and book)
- R-controlled vowels

## HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT LEARNING

- Work with your child in a calm, quiet setting.
- Read with or to your child every day.
- Point to a word in your child's story book and ask him or her to tell you the sounds of the word's letters. Then blend the individual sounds into the complete word.
- Go on a "letter-sound hunt" when running errands. Point out words on advertisements and buildings and have your child tell you the sounds of each letter in the words.



# Consonant Sounds

Circle the consonants with the same beginning sound as each picture.

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Bb Dd

2



Gg Cc

3



Dd Cc

4



Kk Ff

5



Ll Gg

6



Hh Dd

7



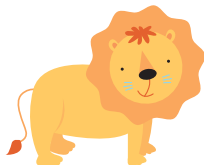
Jj Cc

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Gg Kk

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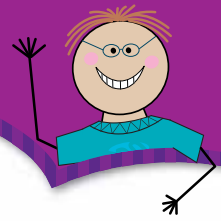


Ll Ff

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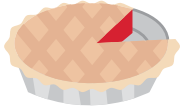
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# Consonant Sounds Match

Draw lines to match the consonants to the objects with the same beginning sound.

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Nn

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Pp

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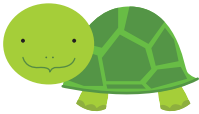
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Rr

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Ss

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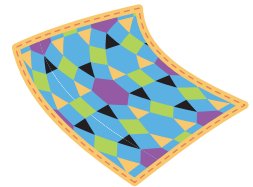
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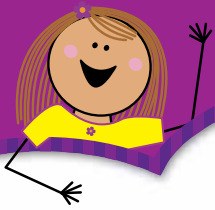
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Tt

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# Tangled Consonants

Use a different color and trace each path to connect the consonants to the objects with the same beginning sound.





## Picture Match: Short u

Draw lines to match the **short u** words to their pictures.

1 sun •

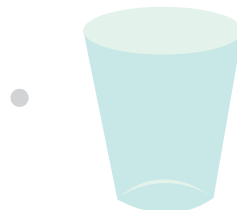
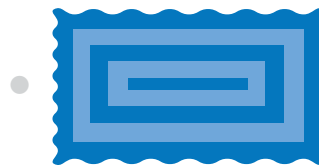
2 rug •

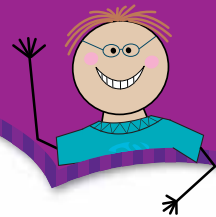
3 cup •

4 bug •

5 gum •

6 bun •

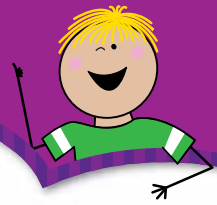
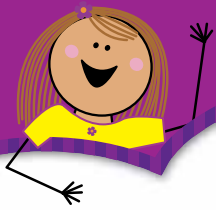




# Short u Maze

Draw a line along the path of **short u** words to help the bug find his rug.





# Short Vowel Balloons

Use the code to color the balloons.

Word  
Box

short a—green

short e—red

short i—yellow

short o—blue

short u—purple

