

CVC nonsense words

Made-up words for practicing the letter sounds. Read each one by its sounds; there is no meaning to guess.

Short a

vab

kaf

pab

zad

jaf

kag

baf

zab

Short e

zeg

vef

heg

peb

teb

fep

keb

gep

Short i

zib

kig

jid

vif

kib

mif

tib

hif

Short o

zof

vop

jop

zot

vob

kog

fot

lom

Short u

kug

vud

zup

mub

gub

lup

nuf

fup

How to use this page

- Tell the learner these are made-up words, so no answer will sound familiar.
- Read left to right. Say each sound, then blend: /v/ /a/ /b/, vab.
- Mix in real words from the same vowel so the task is not always "nonsense".
- This page is for practice. It is not a standardized screener and has no scores.

Real or nonsense? Sort the words

Read each word. Circle it if it is a real word. Cross it out if it is a made-up word.

Name: _____ Date: _____

zof

jop

met

rag

kog

ham

cat

tub

lup

bed

men

sit

dim

fot

vab

gep

bus

zup

got

nuf

sob

fep

zot

fin

teb

baf

dug

nut

kag

zeg

Answer key (real words): bed, bus, cat, dim, dug, fin, got, ham
men, met, nut, rag, sit, sob, tub. All other words are made up.