CVC WORDS

short u

Name _____ Date _____

I can read words with the short u sound, like umbrella.

1 Say each word. Listen for the middle sound.


sun


bus


cup


bug


mug


nut


tub


hut

2 Word families

Same ending, new first sound.

-ug
bug mug rug hug tug

-un
sun run fun bun

-ut
nut hut cut but

-ub
tub rub cub sub

-up
cup pup

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Tap it, blend it, write it

Name _____ Date _____

Touch each dot and say the sound. Then blend the sounds and write the word.



s u n



b u s



c u p



b u g



m u g



n u t



t u b



h u t

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Match the picture to the word

Name _____ Date _____

🎯 **Draw a line from each picture to its word.**



sun



bug



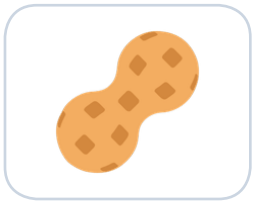
mug



bus



nut



cup

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Look, say and write

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Say the name of each picture. Write one letter in each box.

















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Sort the word families

Name _____ Date _____

Read each word. Write it under the ending it shares.

1 Word bank

run sun bun nut bug but hug hut mug fun cut rug

-ug	-un	-ut
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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Read and trace

Name _____ Date _____

Read each word aloud, then trace it.

bug	bug	mug	mug
rug	rug	hug	hug
tug	tug	sun	sun
run	run	fun	fun
bun	bun	nut	nut
hut	hut	cut	cut
but	but	tub	tub
rub	rub	cub	cub

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: short u

1 Match the picture

1. sun 2. bus 3. cup 4. bug 5. mug 6. nut

2 Tap it, blend it / Look, say and write

sun, bus, cup, bug, mug, nut, tub, hut

3 Sort the word families

-ug: bug, mug, rug, hug
-un: sun, run, fun, bun
-ut: nut, hut, cut, but

4 Teaching tip 💡

Short u is the sound at the start of umbrella, a short, relaxed "uh" with the mouth barely open. It is often the easiest short vowel to hear, so it builds confidence.

Watch for: Writing short u as o (sun as "son"). Point to the picture and say the middle sound slowly.

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