

Phonics and Word Recognition Practice

This sheet helps you spot letters, sounds, and word patterns in Grade 1 words ([Outcome](#), [Understanding](#)). You will also practice reading common words and blending sounds smoothly ([Understanding](#), [Understanding](#)).

Exercises

1. Circle the vowel in each word.

Vowels are a, e, i, o, u ([Skills](#)).

cat
dog
pin
sun
bed

2. Match the letter pair to the sound it makes.

Two letters can make one sound ([Knowledge](#), [Understanding](#)).

Letter pair	Sound clue
sh	A) k
ch	B) sh as in ship
ck	C) ch as in chip

Write the letter (A, B, or C) next to each pair.

sh: _____
ch: _____
ck: _____

3. Write the missing letter.

Say the word out loud. Write the letter that makes the beginning or ending sound ([Skills](#)).

at (an animal that says "meow," rhymes with hat): _____

ru (rhymes with bug): _____

og (an animal that barks, rhymes with jog): _____

be (the piece of furniture you sleep on, rhymes with red): _____

4. Circle the correct answer.

Does the word have a short vowel sound or a long vowel sound ([Skills](#))?

cake
A) short
B) long

pig
A) short
B) long

kite
A) short
B) long

cup
A) short
B) long

5. Circle the high-frequency word that matches.

These words show up often in books ([Knowledge](#), [Skills](#)).

Which word means "the"?

A) hte
B) the
C) teh

Which word means "said"?

A) siad
B) sead
C) said

6. Read the sentence out loud. Then answer the question.

"The bird can turn and dart fast!"

This sentence has an exclamation mark. How should your voice sound when you read it ([Knowledge](#), [Skills](#))?

Circle the word with an r-controlled vowel sound ([Knowledge](#), [Skills](#)).

bird
cat
sun

Answer key

1. cat (a), dog (o), pin (i), sun (u), bed (e)
2. sh: B, ch: C, ck: A
3. c (cat), g (rug), d (dog), d (bed)
4. cake: B, pig: A, kite: B, cup: A
5. "the": B, "said": C
6. Excited or loud, matching the exclamation mark; bird