Free phonics worksheets for kindergarten, every word decodable

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Free phonics worksheets for kindergarten: CVC short vowels first, seven kinds of sheet per pattern, every word one a child can sound out, with a key. No sign-up.

Peabody Teach's phonics worksheet maker prints free phonics worksheets for kindergarten and 1st grade, one pattern at a time in teaching order, starting with the CVC short vowels. Every word on every sheet is from that pattern or one taught before it, so a child who knows those sounds can read the whole page. Each sheet comes with an answer key. No sign-up, nothing sent, and Peabody is free through the end of 2026.

Seven kinds of sheet

Pick a pattern and a sheet, or print the whole pack:

- Circle the word for the picture. A picture and three words. Pictures are used only where one picture clearly names one word, and the key names every picture, so it is never a guess.
- Fill in the missing letters. h_t, b_g, m_n. The child writes the vowel and reads the word.
- Sort the words. This pattern's words against the pattern taught just before it, so a short e sheet mixes in short a words. Short a, which comes first, sorts by word family instead.
- Build the word. Cut-out letter tiles to put in order, glue down and read.
- Word ladder. Change one letter to make the next word: pat, hat, rat, sat.
- Read the sentence. A decodable sentence such as The man has a van. to read and draw.
- Write the word under the picture. Say the picture's name, write the word.

Every sheet prints in versions A and B, the same items in another order, so neighbors can't copy. New words deals a fresh set.

Twelve patterns, in teaching order

The sheets follow the same twelve patterns as Peabody's decodable sentences:

1. Short a (CVC)
2. Short e (CVC)
3. Short i (CVC)
4. Short o (CVC)
5. Short u (CVC)
6. Magic e (CVCe)

7. Digraphs sh, ch, th
8. Consonant blends
9. Long a (ai, ay)
10. Long e (ee, ea)
11. Long o (oa, ow)
12. R-controlled vowels (ar, or)

Most kindergarten classes spend much of the year on the first five, the short vowels in consonant-vowel-consonant words. The CVC worksheets page gathers those five in one place, with a sample sheet. The phonics worksheets page lists all twelve, and each pattern has its own page with a sample and its whole pack one tap away.

Programs differ on the order, and many teach digraphs and blends before magic e. If your school has a program, follow its order and pick the matching pattern.

Why every word is decodable

A beginning reader learns by sounding words out. A worksheet full of words they can't yet decode teaches guessing from pictures and first letters instead. So the maker follows one rule on every sheet: each word is from the pattern on the sheet or an earlier one, or is one of a few tricky words taught by sight along the way, such as the, a, is, has and to with short a. Peabody's own tests check every printed word against that rule.

How to use them in kindergarten

Worksheets are practice, not teaching. Model the sound, blend words together on the board, and then hand out the sheet.

- Whole group: do the first two items together, then let children finish.
- Small group: one sheet per group, matched to the pattern each group is on.
- Centers: word building and word ladders work well with a partner.
- Homework: the read-the-sentence sheet is a quick nightly read with a grown-up.

Our guide How to teach CVC words, step by step covers hearing sounds, blending and spelling before and alongside the sheets, and The order to teach phonics patterns explains what each of the twelve steps adds.

Nothing typed, nothing sent

There is nothing for a child to type and no account. Your choices stay in your browser and ride after the # in the address, so the link opens the same sheet on another computer without anything reaching a server.

Stories for the next step

When children can read a page of decodable sentences, short stories are next. Peabody's free stories start with the earliest readers.

Questions

Are there free phonics worksheets for kindergarten?

Yes. The phonics worksheet maker prints seven kinds of sheet for each of twelve phonics patterns, starting with the CVC short vowels, with an answer key and versions A and B, free through the end of 2026.

What are CVC worksheets?

Worksheets for consonant-vowel-consonant words such as cat, pen and sun. The maker prints them one short vowel at a time, with pictures, missing letters, sorting, word building, ladders and sentences.

Do the worksheets have pictures?

Some do. The picture sheets use only words that one picture clearly names, and the key names every picture, so children aren't left guessing.

Do the worksheets work for 1st grade?

Yes. First grade usually moves on to magic e, digraphs, blends, vowel teams and r-controlled vowels, and each has its own sheets.

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