



SunMoonOcean Printables

Kindergarten – Grade 1 · Ages 5–7

How to use this pack

- Eight mats. Each one has three boxes — first sound, middle sound, last sound — and a strip of letter tiles to cut out and slide in.
- Build the word before you write it. Moving a real tile is what teaches her that a word is made of separate sounds she can swap.
- Change one tile at a time: cat → hat → hit → hot. Watching one sound change while the others stay put is the whole lesson.
- Laminate page 2's tiles, or print on card. If you have neither, letter tiles from any board game work perfectly well.
- Blend slowly the first time and quickly the second: /c/ /a/ /t/, then 'cat'. The fast repeat is what makes it click.

A note for the grown-up

Short and cheerful beats long and correct. Five to ten focused minutes a day will out-perform a forty-minute session that ends in tears. Stop while she still wants one more page — that is what makes her come back tomorrow. Say the sound, not the letter name, when you are sounding words out.

What's inside

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8 mats · 10 pages

Print US Letter · black & white friendly

CUT AND KEEP

Letter tiles

Cut along the lines. Keep them in an envelope taped inside the back of this pack.

a	b	c	d	e	f
g	h	i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x
y	z	a	e	i	o
u	a	e	i	o	u
b	c	d	f	g	h
l	m	n	p	r	s
t					

Pink tiles are vowels. Every word on every mat needs exactly one pink tile in the middle box.

Build it - Short a

Say each sound as you place the tile. Then say the whole word fast.

Name _____ Date _____

FIRST SOUND	+	MIDDLE SOUND	+	LAST SOUND
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Tiles for this mat: first c m b r h j middle a last t p g n m

Build each word, then write it

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| <p>3. <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #f8d7da; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 10px;"></div> bag _____</p> | <p>4. <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #f8d7da; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 10px;"></div> ran _____</p> |
| <p>5. <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #f8d7da; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 10px;"></div> hat _____</p> | <p>6. <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #f8d7da; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 10px;"></div> jam _____</p> |

Change one sound

Build cat. Now swap only the first tile. What new word did you make?

Write it here: _____

Build it · Short a

Say each sound as you place the tile. Then say the whole word fast.

Name _____ Date _____

FIRST SOUND	MIDDLE SOUND	LAST SOUND

Tiles for this mat: first p s c v t b middle a last n d p t

Build each word, then write it

1. **pan** _____

2. **sad** _____

3. **cap** _____

4. **van** _____

5. **tap** _____

6. **bat** _____

Change one sound

Build pan. Now swap only the first tile. What new word did you make?

Write it here: _____

Build it - Short e

Say each sound as you place the tile. Then say the whole word fast.

Name _____ Date _____

FIRST SOUND	MIDDLE SOUND	LAST SOUND

Tiles for this mat: first b h t p l n middle e last d n t g

Build each word, then write it

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bed _____

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hen _____

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ten _____

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pet _____

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leg _____

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net _____

Change one sound

Build bed. Now swap only the first tile. What new word did you make?

Write it here: _____

Build it - Short i

Say each sound as you place the tile. Then say the whole word fast.

Name _____ Date _____

FIRST SOUND	+	MIDDLE SOUND	+	LAST SOUND

Tiles for this mat: first p s l w h k middle i last g x p n t d

Build each word, then write it

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Change one sound

Build pig. Now swap only the first tile. What new word did you make?

Write it here: _____

Build it - Short i

Say each sound as you place the tile. Then say the whole word fast.

Name _____ Date _____

FIRST SOUND	MIDDLE SOUND	LAST SOUND
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Tiles for this mat: first b f d r m s middle i last g n d p x t

Build each word, then write it

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Change one sound

Build big. Now swap only the first tile. What new word did you make?

Write it here: _____

Build it - Short o

Say each sound as you place the tile. Then say the whole word fast.

Name _____ Date _____

FIRST SOUND	MIDDLE SOUND	LAST SOUND

Tiles for this mat: first d h b m l p middle o last g t x p

Build each word, then write it

1. **dog** _____

2. **hot** _____

3. **box** _____

4. **mop** _____

5. **log** _____

6. **pot** _____

Change one sound

Build dog. Now swap only the first tile. What new word did you make?

Write it here: _____

Build it - Short u

Say each sound as you place the tile. Then say the whole word fast.

Name _____ Date _____

FIRST SOUND	+	MIDDLE SOUND	+	LAST SOUND
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Tiles for this mat: first s b c m r h middle u last n g p d

Build each word, then write it

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Change one sound

Build sun. Now swap only the first tile. What new word did you make?

Write it here: _____

Build it · Mixed

Say each sound as you place the tile. Then say the whole word fast.

Name _____ Date _____

FIRST SOUND	+	MIDDLE SOUND	+	LAST SOUND
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Tiles for this mat: first f j w n z g middle o e u i last x t b p m

Build each word, then write it

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Change one sound

Build fox. Now swap only the first tile. What new word did you make?

Write it here: _____