UNIT 1  Picture Sorts for Short- and Long-Vowel Sounds

Sort 1

**Short a and cat:** crab, map, hat, bat, bag, grass, flag, man  
**Long a and cake:** skate, frame, shave, rain, snail, grapes, plate, chain, game, rake, snake  
**Oddball:** foot

Sort 2

**Short i and pig:** fish, lid, lips, hill, twins, swim, zip  
**Long i and kite:** pie, drive, slide, hive, nine, smile, dive, fire, vine, five, prize, bride  
**Oddball:** net

Sort 3

**Short o and sock:** rock, mop, dot, lock, fox, top, clock, box  
**Long o and bone:** smoke, toes, road, nose, robe, goat, ghost, coat, soap, hose, boat  
**Oddball:** web

Sort 4

**Short u and cup:** rug, thumb, tub, bug, truck, plug, sun, drum, gum, nut  
**Long u and tube:** glue, suit, spoon, mule, moon, shoe, flute, fruit, roof  
**Oddball:** skate

Sort 5

**Short e and bed:** sled, vest, bell, dress, desk, nest, leg  
**Long e and feet:** peas, deer, cheese, seal, sheep, sweep, tree, jeep, wheel, queen, sleep  
**Oddball:** fork

Sort 6 - Pictures and Words

**Long a and cake:** tape, cane, snake  
**Long e and feet:** bee, tree  
**Long i and kite:** bike, bride  
**Long o and bone:** cone, rose  
**Long u and tube:** cube, flute
UNIT 2  Word Sorts Contrasting Short- and Long-Vowel Sounds and Patterns (CVC and CVCe)

KEY
* - High-frequency word (HFW)
[ ] - Picture word

Sort 7 - Short -a Versus Long -a in CVCe

Short -a [cat]: last*, [glass], fast, snap, sack, ask, grass, hand*, mad, [bat]
Long -a [cake]: make*, face, same, [gate], name*, page, rake, came*, [whale], made*
Oddball: what*

Sort 8 - Short -i Versus Long -i in CVCe

Short -i [pig]: swim, rich, [stick], thin, flip, gift, [clip], spill, [kick], dish
Long -i [kite]: five*, drive, mice, [dice], hike, nice, while*, [knife], nine, prize
Oddball: give*

Sort 9 - Short -o Versus Long -o in CVCe

Short -o [sock]: rock, job, hot, spot, [pot], chop, [clock]
Long -o [bone]: home, stove, hose, [cone], hope, those, joke, nose, broke, woke, hole, [rope]
Oddball: come*, some*

Sort 10 - Short -u Versus Long -u in CVCe

Short -u [cup]: just*, drum, [bus], hunt, jump, shut, club, [cut], such*, [plus]
Long -u [tube]: use*, huge, June, [cube], rude, flute, [mule], cute, tune, tube
Oddball: put*

Sort 11 - Short Versus Long Review (CVC and CVCe)

CVC short: which*, wax, skin, crab, lots, gum, drip, crop
CVC long: these*, mule, rule, note, safe, wife, cape, tide, vote, wipe, race
Oddball: done, have*

Sort 12 - Final /k/ Sound Spelled -ck, -ke, or -k

-ck: kick, sick, lock, duck, pack, lick, sock, truck
-ke: take, bike, shake, spoke, duke, strike, smoke, like
-k: took, shook, cook, look, book
UNIT 3  Common Long-Vowel Patterns (CVCe and CVVC)

KEY
* - High-frequency word (HFW)
Homophones are in italics

Sort 13 - Short -a and Long -a (CVCe and CVVC)

CVC: black*, rash, flash, camp
CVCe: space, frame, place, blame, tale, mane
CVVC: rain, brain, paint, train, tail, main, chain, faint
Oddball: said*, want*

Sort 14 - Short -o and Long -o (CVCe and CVVC)

CVC: box, knock, stop, drop
CVCe: rode, stone, chose, slope, whole
CVVC: road, float, boat, goat, soap, foam, load, goal, toad, coat
Oddball: love, one*

Sort 15 - Short -u and Long -u (CVCe and CVVC)

CVC: crust, bump, skunk, trust
CVCe: cube, dude prune
CVVC (-oo): food, bloom, smooth, broom, mood, moon, spoon, tooth
CVCC (-ui): fruit, suit, juice
Oddball: build, from*

Sort 16 - Short -e and Long -e (CVVC)

CVC: next*, web, less, set
CVVC (-ee): seem*, keep, green, sleep, sweep, teeth, feet, week
CVCC (-ea): eat, heat, team, speak, clean, weak, leaf, teach
Oddball: been*

Sort 17 - “The Devil Sort” Short -e (CVC and CVVC) and Long -e (CVCC)

Short -e CVC: when*, sled
Short -e CVVC (-ea): dead, head, bread, breath, death, lead
Long -e CVCC (-ee): trees, street, queen, sweet
Long -e CVCC (-ea): each*, reach, seat, dream, lead, steam, beach, east
Oddball: great

Sort 18 - Review for CVVC Pattern (ai, oa, ee, ea)

Long -a CVVC (-ai): wait, trail, sail, rail
Short -e CVCC (-ea): thread, read*, deaf, meant, dread
Long -e CVCC (-ee): need, sheep, wheel, three*, sheets, cheek
Long -e CVCC (-ea): beast, leak, neat, pea, cream, read*
Long -o CVCC (-oa): toast, coast, moan, throat
UNIT 4  Lesson Common Long-Vowel Patterns

**KEY**
* - High-frequency word (HFW)
*Homophones or Homographs are in italics

Sort 19 - Short -a and Long -a (CVCe, CVVC -ai, and Open Syllable -ay)

**CVC:** glass, stand, past  
**CVCe:** trade, brave, slave, shape, taste  
**CVVC -ai:** nail, grain, aid, raise, gain  
**CVV -ay:** day*, stay, play*, clay, tray, may*, gray, pray, say*  
**Oddball:** they*

Sort 20 - Short -o and Long -o (CVCe, CVVC -oa, and Open Syllable -ow)

**CVC:** long*, stock  
**CVCe:** froze, globe, wrote, close  
**CVVC -oa:** coal, coach, roast, oat, loaf, roam  
**CVV -ow:** show, blow, slow, grow, flow, throw, row, snow, mow, know  
**Oddball:** whose

Sort 21 - Short -u and Long -u (Open Syllable -ew and -ue)

**CVC:** thumb, plump, brush, stuck, junk, trunk  
**CVV -ew:** new*, grew, chew, few, flew, knew, stew, blew, dew, crew  
**CVV -ue:** blue, flue, due, glue, true  
**Oddball:** truth, do*, sew

Sort 22 - Short -i and Long -i (CVCe, CVCC -igh, and CV Open Syllable -y)

**CVC:** quick, quit  
**CVCe:** white*, twice, quite, fine, write  
**CVCC -igh:** might, high, night, bright, fight, flight, sight, sigh, right  
**CV -y:** why*, cry, sky, fly, try, shy  
**Oddball:** live

Sort 23 - Short -i and Long -i (VCC) with Short -o and Long -o (VCC)

**Short -i VCC:** film, fist, wind  
**Long -i VCC:** find*, wild, child, kind*, mind, blind, wind  
**Short -o VCC:** lost, moth, soft, cost  
**Long -o VCC:** most*, told, cold, both*, roll, scold, gold, post, ghost  
**Oddball:** friend*
Sort 24 - Review of Long Vowel Patterns (CVCC, CVVC, CVCe, CV & CVV)

***You can also sort these words by long vowel sound (-a, -e, -i, -o and -u)

**CVCC**: sold, hold, grind, bind, light
**CVVC**: bleed, steep, sneak, school, jail, soak, pool, feast
**CVCe**: wave, tone, slide, scene
**CV & CVV**: glow, clue, dry, crow, drew, way
UNIT 5  R-Influenced Vowel Patterns

KEY
* - High-frequency word (HFW)
Homophones are in italics

Sort 25 - ar, are, air

ar: part, start, harm, sharp, dark, shark
are: care, pare, stare, square, bare, fare, hare
air: hair, fair, pair, chair, stair
Oddball: pear, wear, bear, where*, heart

Sort 26 - er, ear, eer

er: her*, perch, herd, fern, germ, clerk, term
ear: hear, fear, spear, clear, near, dear, year
eer: deer, steer, cheer, peer
ear = ur: heard, earth, learn
Oddball: there*, here*

Sort 27 - ir, ire, ier

ir: girl*, first, dirt, third, bird, birth, shirt, fir, whirl, swirl, thirst, chirp, skirt, twirl
ire: fire, wire, tire, hire
ier: drier, pliers, flier, crier
Oddball: fur, their*

Sort 28 - or, ore, oar, w + or

or: form, fork, horn, north, corn, storm
ore: more*, store, shore, tore, wore, sore
oar: board, roar, oar, soar
w + or: work*, word, world, worm
Oddball: four*, floor, door

Sort 29 - ur, ure, ur-e

ur: turn, burn, hurt, curl, church, hurl, burst, churn, surf, purr, curb, blurt
ure: sure*, lure, pure, cure
ur-e: curve, nurse, purge, curse, urge
Oddball: were*

Sort 30 - Review of ar, Schwa-plus-r, and or

ar: jar, hard, yarn, march
Schwa + r: ear, pearl, worst, spur, sir, lurk
or: thorn, wom, hoarse, horse, core, chore, boar, bore, score, snore, warm, warp
UNIT 6  Diphthongs and Other Ambiguous Vowel Sounds

**KEY**

* - High-frequency word (HFW)

*Homophones are in italics*

Sort 31 - Long -o, oi, oy

**o**: whole, bowl, stole, loan, cloak, choke

**oi**: point, join, soil, spoil, coil, foil, moist, joint, boil, coin, broil, oil

**oy**: boy*, soy, joy, toy

Oddball: noise, choice, voice

Sort 32 - Long -u Sound as in *soon* and *good*

*Long -u as in soon*: soon, cool, fool, noon, groom, root, tool, troop, hoop, stool, proof, roost

*Long -u as in good*: good*, brook, crook, wood, hood, stood, hook, soot, wool

Oddball: could*, would*, should*, route

Sort 33 - aw, au, and ô

**aw**: saw*, paws, straw, lawn, claw, draw, law, hawk, crawl, dawn, shawl

**au**: cause, caught, fault, pause, sauce, taught, haul, haunt, vault

**ô**: cross, cloth, frost, song

Oddball: laugh

Sort 34 - wa, al, and ou

**wa**: watch, wash, wand, wasp, swap, swat

**al**: small, almost, also, walk, stall, salt, calm, talk, stalk, bald, chalk

**ou**: thought, bought, fought, ought, cough

Oddball: though

Sort 35 - ou, and ow

**ou**: out*, cloud, round, ground, found*, shout, count, mouth, south, cough, scout

**ow**: how*, down*, growl, clown, owl, brown*, drown, frown, gown, plow, town

Oddball: tough, rough, through
UNIT 7  Beginning and Ending Complex Consonants and Consonant Clusters

**KEY**

* - High-frequency word (HFW)
Homophones are in italics
** - Oddball by sound of ending

Sort 36 - Silent Beginning Consonant *kn, wr, and gn*

*kn*: knife, knack, known, knot, knob, knit, knight, knee, kneel, knelt, knead
*wr*: write, wrap, wreck, wrist, wreath, wrong, wren, wring
*gn*: gnat, gnaw, gnome
Oddball: rap, ring

Sort 37 - Triple *r*-Blends *scr, str, and spr*

*scr*: screen, scram, scrape, scratch, scrap, scream
*str*: strong, straight, strange, stretch, strict, string, stripe, struck, strength, stress, strap, stream
*spr*: spring, spray, sprout, spread, sprain

Sort 38 - Consonant Digraphs + *r*-Blends and *squ* (*thr, shr, squ)*

*thr*: three*, thrill, throw, throne, thrown, threw, through, threat
*shr*: shred, shrink, shrank, shrunk, shriek, shrimp, shrub
*squ*: square, squawk, squint, squish, squash, squeeze, squirt, squeak, squirm

Sort 39 - Hard and Soft *c* and *g*

Hard *c*: card, code, cart, cub, calf
Soft *c*: city, center, circle, cease, cell, cent
Hard *g*: gave, golf, guess, guest, guide, guilt, goose
Soft *g*: giant, gem, germ, gist

Sort 40 - Final *e*: -ce, -ve, -se and -ze

-ce: chance, prince, dance, fence, piece, peace, bounce, glance
-ve: move, leave, twelve, glove, solve, prove, shove
-se: please*, tease, cheese, loose**, house**
-ze: freeze, seize, snooze

Sort 41 - *dge, ge*

-dge: edge, badge, ridge, fudge, judge, lodge, bridge, ledge, dodge, hedge, pledge
-ge: age, stage, rage, cage, huge
*r, l, or n + ge*: large, charge, sponge, bulge, range, change, surge, plunge
Sort 42 - tch, ch

-tch: catch, witch, pitch, sketch, fetch, match, hutch, switch
-ch: reach, roach, screech, coach, beach, speech
r, l, n + ch: lunch, torch, gulch, bench, branch, crunch, porch
Oddball: which*, rich, much*
UNIT 8  High Frequency Words and Contractions

KEY
* - High-frequency word (HFW)

Sort 43 - High-Frequency Words Starting with a- and be-

a-: away*, ago, again*, ahead, around, about*, alive, along, above, across, afraid, asleep
be-: before*, because*, begin, belong, between, behind, beyond, become, beside, believe, below, began

Sort 44 - Contractions with not, is, have and will

not: couldn’t, wouldn’t, aren’t, weren’t, don’t, doesn’t, hasn’t
is: who’s, there’s, here’s, where’s, what’s
have: could’ve, would’ve, should’ve, might’ve
will: they’ll, that’ll, this’ll, who’ll, she’ll, he’ll, you’ll
Sort 45 - Plural Endings s and es
***You could also sort the + es words by the final letter(s) of the base words (sh, ch, s, or x)!

+ s: eyes, plants, pieces, places, pages, girls, months, house, badges
+ es: inches, stitches, boxes, taxes, bushes, dishes, wishes, classes, glasses, dresses, lunches, flashes, coaches, speeches, bosses, riches

Sort 46 - Three Sounds of the Past Tense ed

/d/: prayed, rained, snowed, screamed, turned, mailed, cleaned, yelled
/id/: waited, loaded, needed, melted, started, twisted, handed, dusted
/t/: picked, jumped, walked, bumped, missed, passed, dressed, asked
UNIT 10  Homophones

Sorts 47-48 - Long -a Homophones

a-e: mane, pale, made, male, ale, pane, plane, waste, sale, hare, maze, daze, ate, wade, vane, stake, brake, bare, pare
ai: main, pail, maid, mail, ail, pain, plain, waist, sail, hair, maize, wait, vain, rain, pair
ea: steak, break, bear, pear
ay: days, way, slay
ei: eight, weigh, weighed, weight, sleigh, vein, rein, reign
Oddball: there, their, they’re

Sort 49 - Long -e Homophones

ee: sees, seen, sweet, beet, meet, feet, flee, steel, cheep, heel, need, creek, deer
ea: seas, beat, meat, feat, flea, steal, cheap, heal, knead, creak, dear
Oddball: seize, scene, suite

Sort 50 - Long -i and Long -o Homophones

i-e: die, write, time, side, site, aisle
igh: right, sighed, sight, night, knight
y: dye, thyme, by, buy, bye
oa: loan, rose, groan, board
o-e: lone, close, bored
ow: rows, grown
Oddball: clothes, I'll