

Vowel Sound Hunt

Students decode CVC words and identify their short middle vowel sounds.

KRF3.b "Decode short vowel sounds with common spellings."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	cat	bed	lip
b	jam	hen	tub
c	hop	sun	fin

2 WRITE IT _____

fox	
rug	
web	

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Model how to touch each letter, say its sound, and blend a different CVC word, such as map. Students use that same routine to decode the printed words and listen for the short vowel in the middle. Do not read the practice words aloud for students.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “Look at the words in each row. Touch each letter and say its sound quietly, then blend the word. Listen for the short vowel sound in the middle and circle your answer.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which word has /ă/ in the middle? Circle it.	cat
b	Which word has /ĕ/ in the middle? Circle it.	hen
c	Which word has /ĭ/ in the middle? Circle it.	fin

PART 2 • WRITE IT

SAY “Look at the word beside each box. Touch the letters, say the sounds, and blend the word. What vowel letter is in the middle? Write that letter in the box.”

- Box 1 (beside fox): **o**
- Box 2 (beside rug): **u**
- Box 3 (beside web): **e**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle cat, hen, and fin. Accept lowercase or uppercase O, U, and E in the write boxes.