Phonics Centers Pack

Lesson 1: Mat and Pat (-at)

Print on card stock and laminate. Cut along the dashed lines.
Every activity uses this lesson's words.

In this pack:

Clip the Word

Look at the picture. Clip a clothespin on the word that matches. Flip the card or use the answer key to check.

Roll and Read

Roll a die. Read a word in that column. Cover it with a counter. Take turns and see who covers the most words.

Word and Picture Puzzles

Match each picture piece to its word piece. The cut edges only fit the right pair.

Spin and Cover

Spin the spinner (paper clip and pencil). Read the word and cover it on your board. First to cover every word wins.

Phonics Four in a Row

Take turns. Read a word and cover it with your color of counter. Get four counters in a row to win.

Phonics Dominoes

Lay the dominoes in a loop. A picture must touch its word. The last domino goes back to the first.

Change One Sound

Start with the first word. Change the first sound to the letter in the circle and read the new word. Write each new word on the recording mat.

Sound Box Challenge

Say the picture word slowly. Write one sound in each box, then write the whole word on the line.

Read, Build, Write

Read the word. Build it with the letter tiles. Write it on the line. Cut out the tiles on the second page.

Missing Middle Sound

Look at the picture and say the word. Clip the clothespin on the vowel that is missing from the middle.

Roll, Build, Write

Roll the die and find the picture with that number. Build the word with letter tiles and write it on the sheet.

Word Hunt

Hide the word cards around the room. Hunt for a card, read it, and place it under the matching picture on the mat.

Word Family Wheels

Cut out the cover and the wheel. Fasten the centers together with a brass fastener. Turn the wheel to read each word.

Phonics Memory Match

Lay all the cards face down. Turn over two cards. If a picture matches its word, keep the pair.

Phonics Tic-Tac-Toe

Two players. Read a word before you put your X or O on it. Three in a row wins.

Also for this lesson on the lesson page: story and homework, flashcards, word building picture cards, Write the Room, bingo and sight word games.

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Clip the Word

Cut out the cards. Look at the picture. Clip a clothespin on the word that matches it.



cat

hat

bat



sat

rat

cat



fat

rat

hat



mat

fat

rat



rat

sat

hat

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Clip the Word: Answer Key

The correct word for each picture.



bat



cat



hat



mat

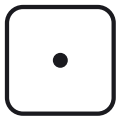
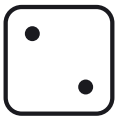


rat

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Roll and Read

Roll a die. Read any word in that column and cover it with a counter. Take turns.

					
sat	fat	hat	bat	cat	rat
at	mat	pat	rat	hat	bat
at	pat	mat	sat	fat	cat
at	cat	mat	fat	pat	bat
hat	sat	rat	bat	pat	fat
mat	cat	hat	sat	rat	at

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Word and Picture Puzzles

Cut each card along the zigzag line. Mix the pieces. Match every picture to its word.



bat



cat



hat



mat

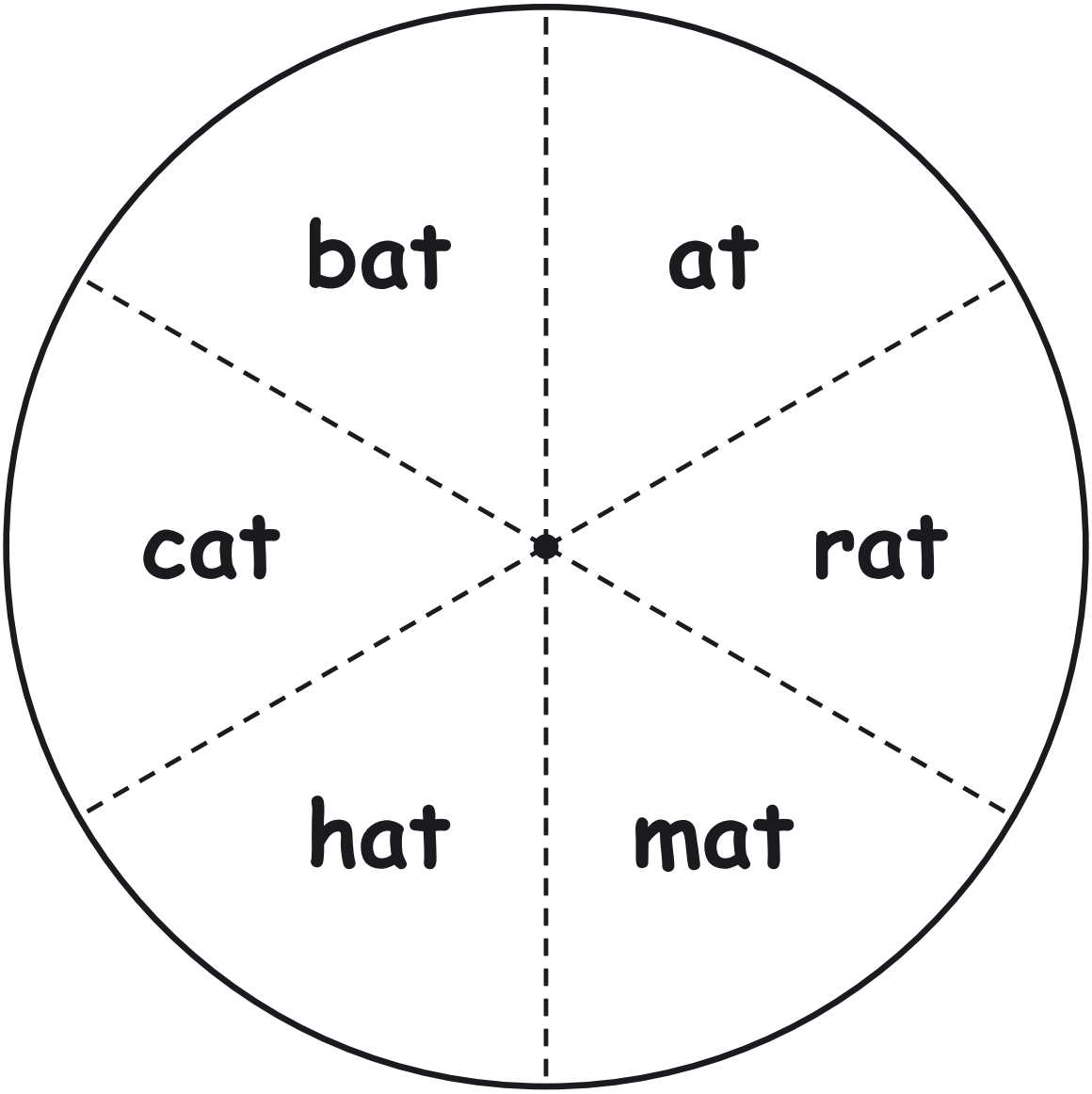


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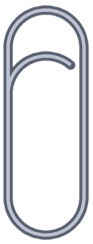
Spin and Cover: Spinner

Hold a pencil in the center with a paper clip around it and spin the clip.





Put the pencil point on the dot.
Flick the paper clip and let it spin!



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Spin and Cover: Game Boards

Each player takes a board. Spin, read the word, cover it with a counter.

mat	hat	cat	at
bat	rat	mat	at
bat	rat	hat	cat

rat	at	bat	cat
hat	mat	rat	cat
mat	bat	at	hat

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Phonics Four in a Row

Two players, two colors of counters. Read a word, cover it, and make four in a row (across, down or corner to corner).

cat	rat	pat	bat	at
mat	fat	hat	sat	cat
rat	sat	at	pat	hat
mat	fat	bat	sat	cat
fat	hat	at	pat	bat

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fat	pat	cat	sat	hat
mat	bat	rat	at	sat
fat	bat	pat	at	cat
hat	mat	rat	bat	fat
mat	sat	hat	at	cat

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Phonics Dominoes

Cut out the dominoes. Mix them up. Join picture to word until the loop is complete.



cat



hat



mat



rat



bat

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Change One Sound: Word Chains

Cut out the strips. Read the first word. Change the first sound to the letter in each circle. Read the new word aloud.

bat → c → h → m

cat → h → m → r

hat → m → r → f

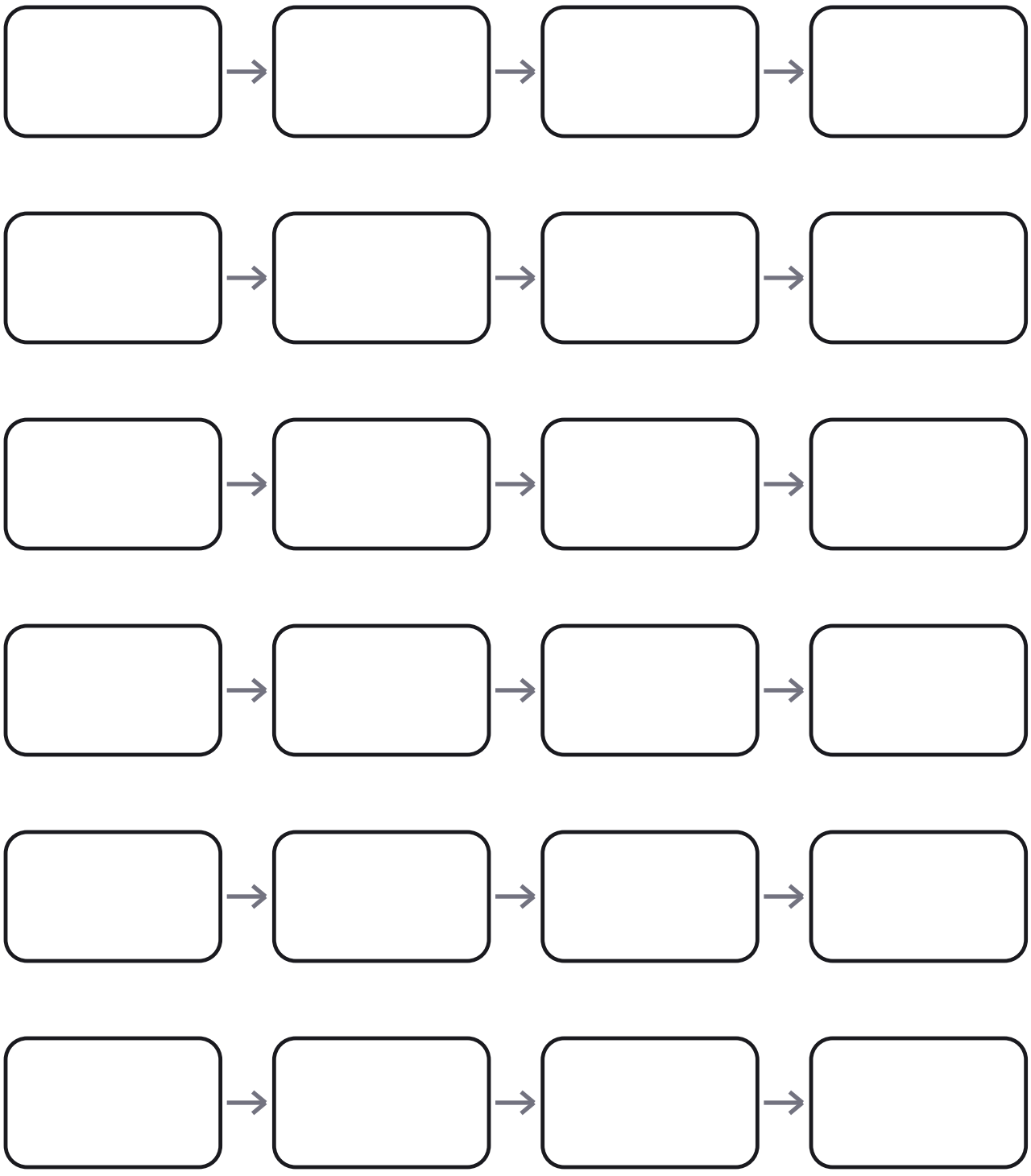
mat → r → f → p

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Change One Sound: Recording Mat

Write the first word, then change one sound each time and write the new word.

Name: _____



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Sound Box Challenge

Say the word slowly. Write one sound in each box. Then write the whole word on the line.

Name: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____



Write it: _____

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Sound Box Challenge: Answer Key

One box for each sound. A magic e shares a box with its consonant.



b | a | t



c | a | t



h | a | t



m | a | t



r | a | t

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Read, Build, Write

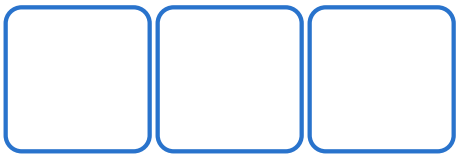
Read the word in the first box. Build it with letter tiles. Write it on the line.

Name: _____

Read

bat

Build

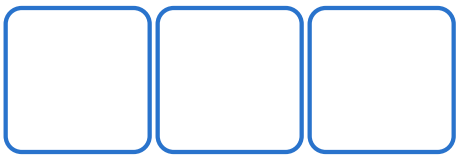


Write _____

Read

cat

Build

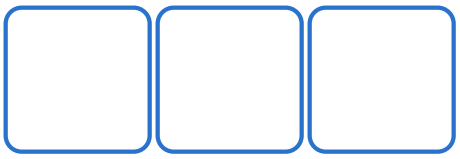


Write _____

Read

hat

Build

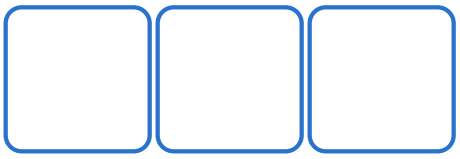


Write _____

Read

mat

Build

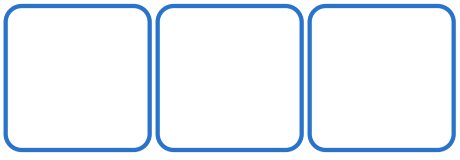


Write _____

Read

rat

Build



Write _____

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Read, Build, Write: Letter Tiles

Cut out the tiles. Vowels are red.

a	b	c	h	m	r	t

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Missing Middle Sound

Cut out the cards. Say the word. Clip a clothespin on the missing vowel.



b_t

u o a



c_t

u a o



h_t

u a o



m_t

i a e



r_t

u a e

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Missing Middle Sound: Answer Key

The missing vowel for each picture.



bAt



cAt



hAt



mAt



rAt

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Roll, Build, Write: Dice Board

Roll the die. Find the picture with that number of dots. Build the word with letter tiles.











Your choice!

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Roll, Build, Write: Writing Sheet

Write the word you built each time you roll.

Name: _____

1. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
2. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
3. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
4. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
5. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
6. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
7. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
8. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
9. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____
10. I rolled a _____ I built and wrote: _____

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Word Hunt: Word Cards

Cut out the cards. Hide them around the room. Children hunt, read, and take the cards to the mat.

bat	cat	hat
mat	rat	

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Word Hunt: Matching Mat

Place each word card (or write the word) under its picture.

Name: _____







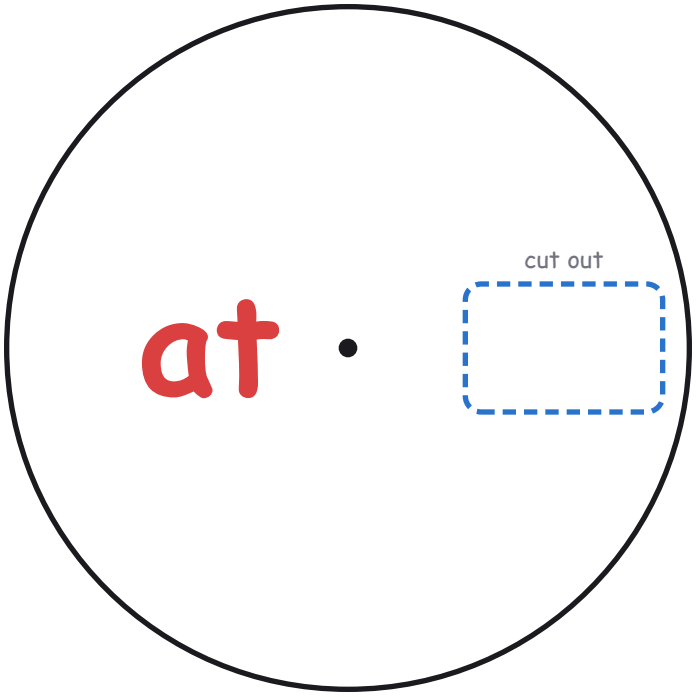


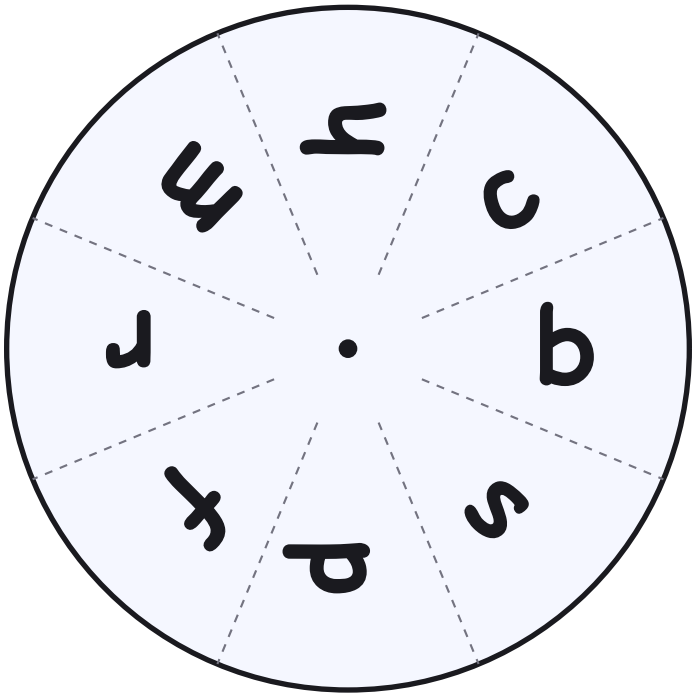


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Word Family Wheel: -at

Cut out both circles. Cut out the window in the cover. Push a brass fastener through the two center dots.
Turn the bottom wheel. Read each word through the window.





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Phonics Memory Match

Cut out the cards. Mix them up and lay them face down. Turn over two. A picture and its word make a match.











bat

cat

hat

mat

rat

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Phonics Tic-Tac-Toe

Read the word before you mark it. One player is X, one is O. Three in a row wins.

pat	sat	fat
rat	hat	bat
mat	at	cat

hat	rat	bat
sat	at	cat
mat	pat	fat

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