Guessing words

Name _____

LetterSchool worksheet pack · free to print and share

Your child looks at the first letter and says a word that starts with it, or guesses from the picture. Guessing works for a while in simple books, but it stops working as texts get harder.

How to use this pack

1. **Every letter: Choose between words that look alike.**
2. **Real decoding: Nonsense words and a fluency check.**
3. **Decodable stories: Stories with only sounds your child knows.**

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Print the whole pack or only the pages you need. Every sheet is also on letterschool.com with tips and other handwriting styles.

Read every letter

Name _____

Phonics · short vowels

1 **Read each word all the way through. Circle the word that matches the picture.**



cot

cut

cat



peg

pig

pug



bid

bad

bed



sun

sit

sat



mop

mep

map



hot

hat

hit

Read every letter

Name _____

Phonics · short vowels

1 **Read each word all the way through. Circle the word that matches the picture.**



map

mop

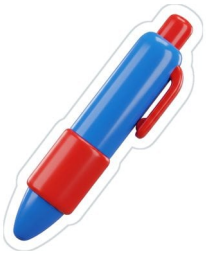
mup



bag

big

bug



pen

pan

pin



fix

fox

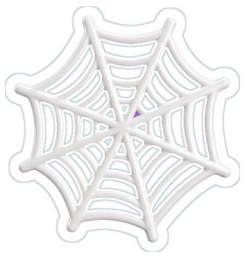
fax



cap

cop

cup



wab

web

wib

Read every letter

Name _____

Phonics · first and last letters

1 **Read each word all the way through. Circle the word that matches the picture.**



cat

bat

cap



dot

dog

log



wig

pig

pin



bun

bus

but



hen

pen

hem



can

fat

fan

Read every letter

Name _____

Phonics · blends and digraphs

1 **Read each word all the way through. Circle the word that matches the picture.**



ship

chip

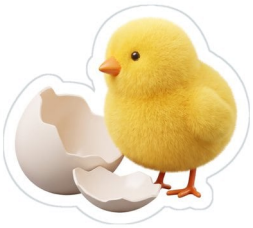
slip



fog

frog

from



thick

chick

check



cab

crab

grab



tar

scar

star



fish

dish

fist

Nonsense words: fluency check

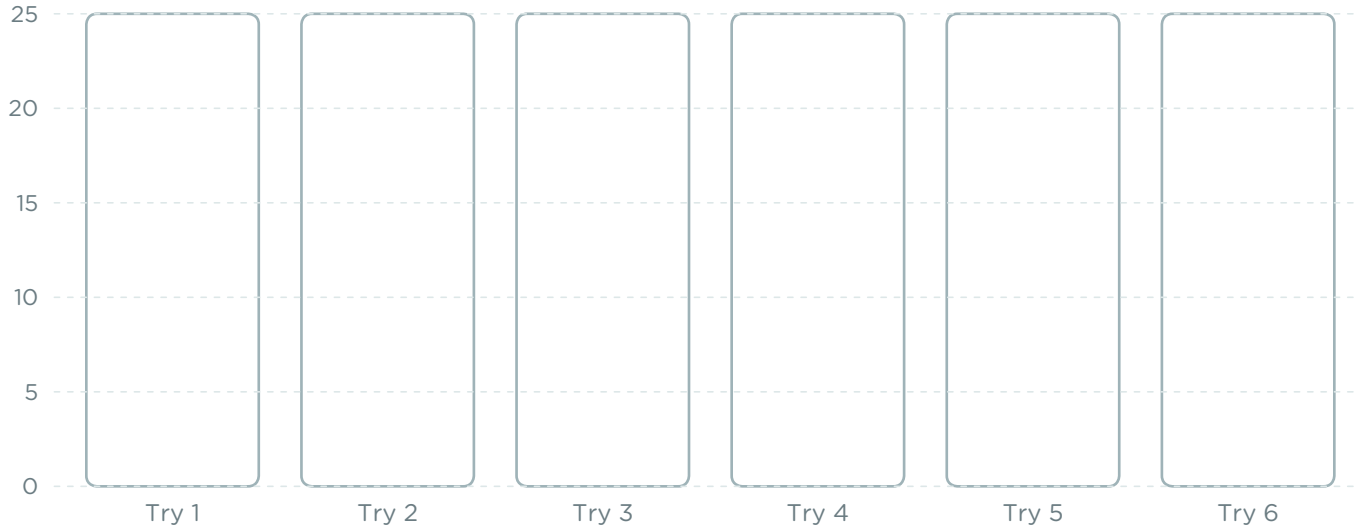
Name _____

Fluency · Progress

1 **Your child reads the made-up words from left to right for one minute. Mark the last one read and count. Color that many in the graph for this try. Try again on another day.**

mip	tav	fep	lub	raf	5
pim	vot	jeb	sut	nim	10
dif	lom	tib	rak	fom	15
hez	gup	wob	kef	yat	20
bim	zot	nud	pes		24

My progress



Point to the word

Name _____

Phonics · Big choices

1 **Read each word all the way through. Point to (or circle) the word that matches the picture.**



dog cat



moon sun



bus car

Read and answer

Name _____

Phonics · Decodable story · short a

1 **Read the story three times. Color a star each time you read it.** ☆ ☆ ☆

The Cat and the Hat

Pat has a cat. The cat is fat. The cat sat on a mat. Pat had a hat. The cat sat in the hat! Pat is mad. The cat ran. Pat has the hat.



2 **Who has a cat?**

- ◯ Pat
- ◯ Dad
- ◯ Sam

3 **Where did the cat sit?**

- ◯ in a hat
- ◯ in a van
- ◯ on a bed

4 **Write a short a word from the story.**

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Read and answer

Name _____

Phonics · Decodable story · short i

1 **Read the story three times. Color a star each time you read it.** ☆ ☆ ☆

The Big Pig

Kim has a big pig. The pig can dig. It digs and digs. The pig did a big dig in the mud. It hid a wig in a pit. Kim will win the wig back. Sit, pig, sit!



2 **What can the pig do?**

- ○ dig
- ○ fly
- ○ sing

3 **What did the pig hide?**

- ○ a wig
- ○ a bib
- ○ a lid

4 **Write a short i word from the story.**

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