

Horizons

Phonics and Reading

Student Workbook 1





Name _____

Short Vowel Sounds: ă, ě, ĭ, օ, and ŭ

Short vowel sounds are indicated with a breve (˘). When a word has only one vowel between two consonants, the vowel usually says its short sound. Examples include **bad**, **red**, **did**, **dot**, and **cut**. The vowels **a**, **e**, **i**, **o**, and **u** usually say the short sound when followed by a consonant before the end of a syllable. Examples include **and**, **end**, **inn**, **on**, and **up**.

1

Place a breve (˘) over the short vowel sound in each of the following words.

add

clam

flap

sled

on

egg

bed

big

crib

up

in

plot

box

drum

mud



2

Circle the word in each pair which has a short vowel sound.

bake/hand

bone/rip

am/please

bite/bit

smile/wet

mine/sock

cup/three

flame/vest

hate/gum

sat/knee

Word Bank

men crib cup dog band red hill sing

1. Maggie played the flute in the _____.
2. Klay had a _____ bike.
3. The infant slept in a _____.
4. The _____ barked when he saw a squirrel.
5. Jack and Jill climbed up a _____.
6. Mrs. Gray drank a _____ of coffee.
7. The _____ helped push the car out of the snow bank.
8. Daisy liked to _____ in church.





Word Bank

hole icy date cave bake kite lazy skate

1. Katie visited a(n) _____ on her summer vacation.
2. Justin had a(n) _____ in his sock.
3. Conner flew a(n) _____ with his grandpa.
4. Mrs. Webster slipped on the _____ sidewalk.
5. The _____ cat took a nap in the sun.
6. Ella liked to ice _____.
7. The _____ of Mark's birthday was March 5.
8. Jane helped her mom _____ a cake.



3

Make the following words have long vowel sounds by adding silent e's.

pin___ hop___ sit___ rid___ ton___ tub___

Make the following short by crossing out the silent e's.

robe tote plane dime rate bide

4

Find two words with long vowel sounds in the following verses.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.

— Proverbs 3:5–6 (NIV)



3

Circle the words containing a short ă vowel sound.

glad

able

game

tax

flash

apron

man

name

handle

leap

4

Find the words with the short ă vowel sound.

Word List

last alligator sat banana bat can math catch crack jam

F	A	J	B	Z	N	K	V	R	L
B	O	C	A	L	A	C	Y	K	M
J	I	Q	N	A	L	R	B	R	S
P	T	R	A	S	L	A	J	J	U
C	A	N	N	T	I	C	A	C	S
A	E	B	A	T	G	K	M	A	J
E	U	N	J	M	A	T	H	T	S
P	Z	Q	Q	H	T	Q	A	C	O
X	Y	C	R	A	O	H	Q	H	J
Z	N	R	S	L	R	I	P	X	T



3

An accent mark is used to indicate the stressed syllables of a word. It tells the speaker which syllable needs to be emphasized. Divide the following words into syllables with a forward slash. Put an accent mark above the syllable that needs to be emphasized.

baby cotton although wisdom about window

4

Use the clues to fill in the blanks of the crossword puzzle with words with short ŭ vowel sounds.

Word List

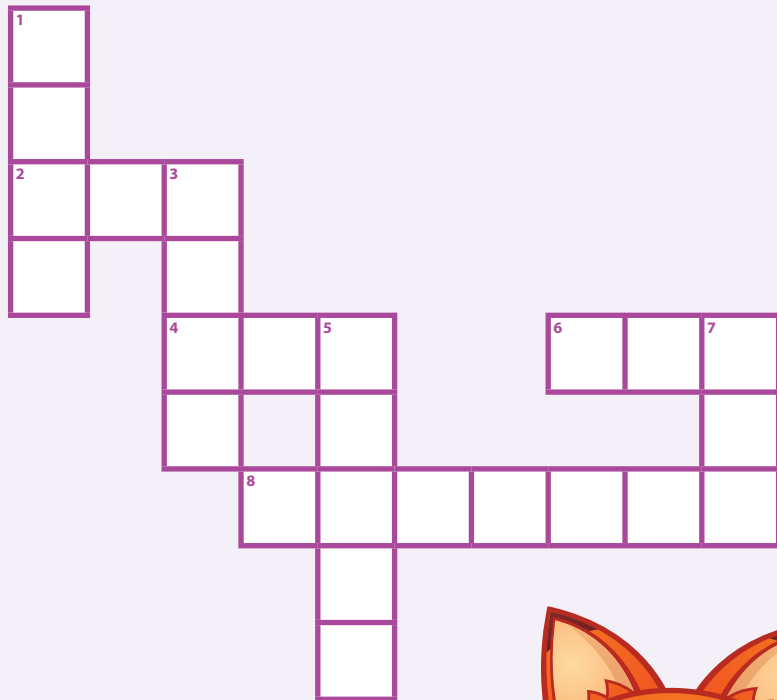
duck jump pumpkin truck cut mud cub bun

Across

2. Wet dirt is called _____.
4. A person can use a knife to _____ meat.
6. A baby bear is a _____.
8. A _____ can be made into a jack-o-lantern.

Down

1. Some people like to use a rope to _____.
3. An animal that quacks is a _____.
5. A _____ is a vehicle that can be used to haul things.
7. A hamburger is often put on a _____.



4

Look at the picture below. Circle pictures of objects that are spelled with the letter *y* as a vowel sound.



3

Divide the following words into syllables with a forward slash. Put an accent mark on the stressed syllable of each word.

basket

upon

agree

paper

summer

pencil

4

Cross out the words where the *y* has a consonant sound.

yellow

my

yell

try

cry

yes





Name _____

1

Fill in the circle to indicate whether the statement is true or false.

1. A breve (˘) is used to show a long vowel sound.
☐ True ☐ False
2. A macron (¯) is used to show a long vowel sound.
☐ True ☐ False
3. An accent mark (´) is used to show which syllable is not accented.
☐ True ☐ False
4. The word "button" can be divided into two syllables.
☐ True ☐ False
5. The letter "y" can be used as a vowel or a consonant.
☐ True ☐ False

2

Circle the words which have short vowel sounds.

rode mop trick quote code fit