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Lesson 1  Words with Short Vowels

Get the Idea

A vowel usually makes the short vowel sound if there is one vowel in a short word. Short vowels can be spelled a, e, i, o, or u.

- a clam
- e belt

Circle the words with short vowel sounds.

crash  cave  flame  flash
shell  cheek  chest  keep
A short vowel word can be spelled with **consonants** at the beginning and end of the word. The vowel can be in the middle.

- **i** dwell
- **o** pot
- **u** brush

Circle the words with short vowel sounds.

- fill
- file
- flock
- code
- flute
- crust
- thin
- clog
**Think About It**

★ Say each word. Listen to the vowel sound.

Draw a line from the short vowel to the matching picture.

- a  
- e  
- i  
- o  
- u
Lesson 1: Words with Short Vowels

★ Say each word. Listen to the sound between consonants.
Circle the words with a short vowel sound.

sock  clap  grapes
bone  plum  desk
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Lesson 1  Ask and Answer Questions

Get the Idea

🍎 You can better understand a story or passage if you ask yourself questions before and during reading. **Ask and answer questions** that begin with **who**, **what**, **where**, **when**, **why**, and **how**.

Read this story.

“Please sit on the rug and read your books,” Ms. Murray said. Tito sat quietly. But Li started whispering to Beth and Rodney.

Here is a question you can ask about the story.

**Who** is in the story?

Circle the names you see in the story.
Then Li made funny faces. The other kids laughed. Finally, Li had to sit with Ms. Murray.

Why did Li have to sit with Ms. Murray?
Think About It

Read the passage. Answer the questions on the next page.

A Zebra’s Stripes

Zebras have black and white stripes. Their stripes help them blend into the grass. This helps them hide from other animals that may want to eat them. Mother zebras keep their babies near. They teach the babies how to hide in the grass.
Lesson 1: Ask and Answer Questions

★ You can ask **who**, **what**, **where**, **when**, **why**, and **how** before and during reading.

What is the passage about? Circle the answer.

- Zebras and their stripes
- Zebras and their food
- Zebras and their homes

How do a zebra’s stripes help to keep it safe?

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Lesson 1 Write an Opinion

Get the Idea

When you write an opinion piece, you tell what you think, feel, or believe about a topic. Always state your opinion first. Then give reasons that support your opinion. Use linking words, such as and, because, and also to connect your opinion and your reasons. A book review is an example of an opinion piece.

Read this book review.

New Zoo is a great book because it is about animals that talk. Also, the plot is full of surprises. An ape and a bird become friends!

Add a sentence to the book review. Give another reason to like the book.

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Think About It
Read the passage. Then answer the questions on the next page.

More Recess!

I think recess should be longer. Right now, we eat lunch for twenty minutes. That leaves only fifteen minutes to play. We need more time to run around.

Recess is important because it helps kids stay fit. Also, recess helps us relax. Then we can learn better.
Lesson 1: Write an Opinion

What is the author’s opinion?

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What reasons support the author’s opinion?

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