

Vowel Owls



All Mixed Up

Set up the 5 labeled owls on a table. Choose one short vowel card for each owl. Mix them up so that the card in front of each owl does not match the owl's sound. Then, ask your child to rearrange the cards so they are in front of the matching owl. Have them pick up each card, one at a time, say the word and vowel sound, and then place it in the owl.

Spelling Time

Refer to the word list. Select 5 cards with short vowel sounds (one for each vowel) and 5 cards with long vowel sounds. Mix them up on a table and put the 5 labeled owls out. Have your child race to see how quickly they can match up short and long vowel sounds. Place matching pairs into the correct Vowel Owl. For an added challenge, add additional pairs of short and long vowels into the mix so there are 10 pairs, or even 20 for a super challenge.

Memory Vowels

Set up the 5 labeled owls on a table. Select 2 short vowel cards for each owl and place them inside. Start with the first vowel and say the phrase, "We're going on an Owl Expedition, and we need to bring..." Then, select the first card and say the word. For example, "We need to bring... a map." Continue adding words each turn, repeating the previous words and building upon them. For example, "We need to bring a map, and a... pen." See if you can complete all 10 words. For an added challenge, keep adding one card per owl.

Mystery Vowels

Choose 1 card for each vowel sound, including long vowels. Lay out the 10 cards on a table. Should read: Have one person be the caller, look at the group, and pick one of the words—but keep it a secret! Give a clue to the word that includes the vowel sound. For example, for the word “queen,” you might say: “This word has the long e sound and is a person who wears a crown.” The first person to correctly say the word gets to take the card. Play until all 10 cards have been picked. The winner is the one with the most cards.

Word List

Long A	Short A	Long E	Short E	Long I	Short I	Long O
Rake	Ball	Bee	Pen	Bike	Six	Goat
Cake	Hat	Tree	Ten	Ice	Ring	Rose
Plane	Map	Key	Shell	Tie	Fish	Stone
Train	Cat	Wheel	Belt	Dice	Milk	Bow
Hay	Flag	Sheep	Nest	Five	Gift	Phone
Grape	Pan	Peas	Egg	Light	Pig	Nose
Nail	Mask	Seal	Tent	Lime	King	Coat
Pail	Bag	Leaf	Net	Kite	Lip	Toad
Plate	Hand	Queen	Web	Pie	Wig	Boat
Skate	Ant	Beans	Bed	Nine	Pin	Bone
Short O	Long U	Short U	Y			
Dog	Boot	Bug	Fly			
Pot	Tube	Mug	Cry			
Clock	Juice	Cup	Sky			
Frog	Glue	Sun				
Mop	Suit	Drum				
Sock	Shoe	Truck				
Doll	Screw	Plum				
Box		Bun				
Lock		Bus				
Fox		Gum				