

Spelling Game

Stand Up for Vowels!

Players: Entire class

You need: Sound/Spelling Cards (or teacher-made letter cards) for short vowels *a, e, i, o,* and *u*, blank cards

How to play: On cards, write 10–20 one-syllable words that have short vowels, such as *cat, bag, clap, den, get, step, sit, hip, tick, hot, cob, mom, nut, bun,* and *bus*. Shuffle the cards and place them in a bag. Divide the class into small groups of four or five students. Give one Sound/Spelling Card to each group.

1. Have children sit on the floor, with space between each group.
2. Draw a word card from the bag and say the word aloud. The group assigned to the vowel sound that is heard in the word should stand.
3. Have the group repeat the word in unison, say the vowel sound, and then sit down.
4. Continue playing for a set amount of time or until all of the words have been read.

