Graphophonemic Knowledge | Vowel Sounds: Short Vowels

## GK-44 **Short Vowel Sort**

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**Students compare short vowels by sorting words under two pictures.**
**MATERIALS:** *Word list, picture cards, index cards, marker*

❶ Write words containing the short vowel sounds *a* and *i*, and some containing long vowel *a* and *i* on index cards, one word per card.

❷ Find two pictures that represent the short *a* sound and short *i* sound to use as a model for sorting (e.g., cat, pig).

❸ Discuss the two pictures with students and place them on a table. Provide instruction and practice on the two sounds by having students think of other words that contain short *a* and short *i* sounds.

❹ Pass out word cards to students.

❺ Students take turns reading their word and placing it below one of the pictures. If a word doesn't match the sound of the picture, they put it aside.

❻ When sorting is complete, work with students to check the results.

**EXAMPLE:**

| Short *a* | Short *i* | Other |
|-----------|-----------|-------|
| bat | drill | time |
| man | ship | place |
| grass | trip | ray |
| clap | chin | hive |
| track | switch | white |
| mask | swim | lane |

**ADAPTATION:** Instead of words, have students sort short vowels using pictures.

**EXTENSIONS:**
• Provide students with more than two short vowel spelling patterns to sort. Don't sort by short *e* and short *i* until students are proficient at distinguishing between the two sounds.
• Have students sort words and then label categories independently.
• Students can sort words from previously taught spelling patterns at a workstation.
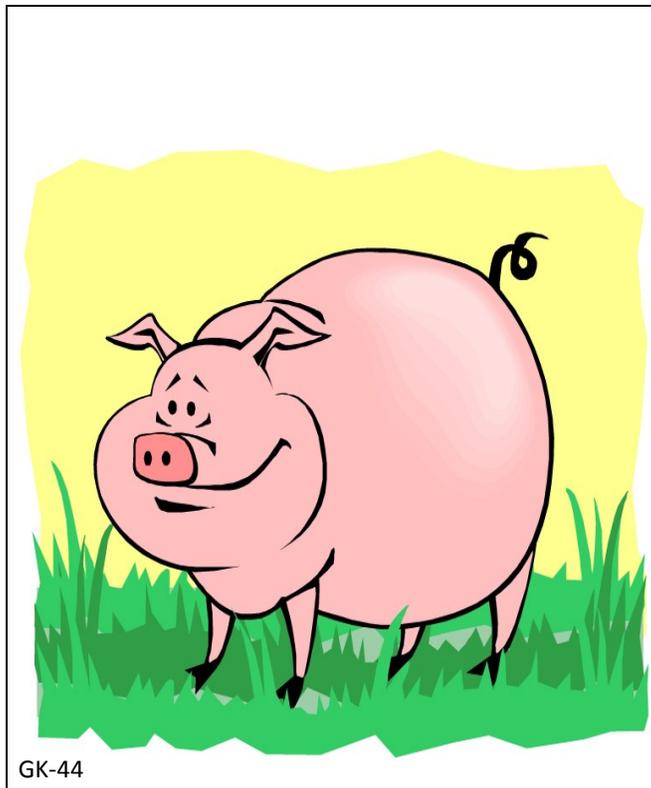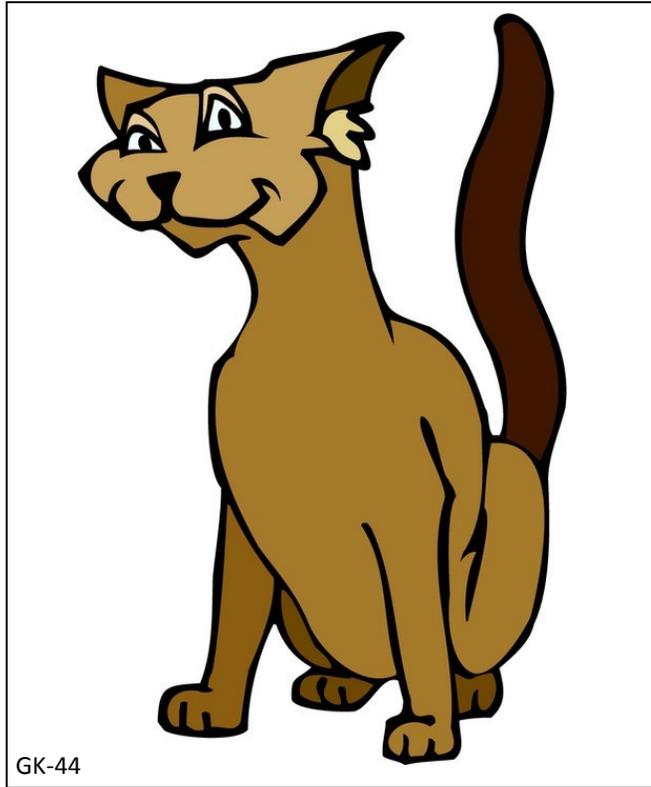
**PREPARATION OF MATERIALS:** Print all Word Cards and the two Picture Cards. Cut the cards apart. Follow the directions for play.

| Set 1 (short a) | |
|------|------|
| bat | track |
| man | mask |
| grass | fast |
| clap | jam |

| Set 2 (short i) | |
|------|------|
| drill | stiff |
| ship | swim |
| trip | hit |
| chin | bliss |

| Set 3 (other) | |
|------|------|
| time | place |
| hive | ray |
| white | lane |
| strike | pain |

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| bat | track |
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| man | mask |
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| grass | fast |
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| clap | jam |
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# hive

GK-44 SET 3

# ray

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# lane

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# strike

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# pain

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