

Word Chaining with Short 'e'

Purpose: strengthen word-reading fluency

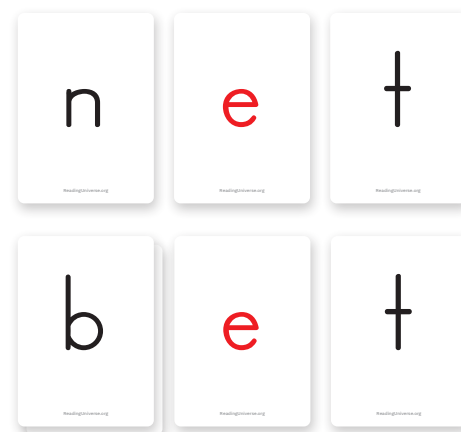
In this activity, teachers will turn short words into new words by changing a single letter or sound, and students will read the words.

Materials:

- set of lowercase letter cards a, e, i, o, u, b, d, g, h, l, m, n, p, r, s, t, w

Directions:

- Select the letter cards needed to build all the words in the lesson. (If students need to review the letter sounds prior to reading words, do a quick warm-up with the cards.)
- Build a word with the letter cards (for example, *net*) and make sure all students can see the word. You can do this with a pocket chart, document camera, whiteboard, etc.
- Say, "Let's make the sounds together and then read the word: /n/, /ĕ/, /t/, *net*."
- Switch the word by replacing, adding, or subtracting a sound. For instance, replace the 'n' with 'b' to turn *net* into *bet*.
- Have students, as a group, say the sounds in the word if they need that level of scaffolding (/b/, /ĕ/, /t/, *bet*). Otherwise just have the group read the new word.
- Remember to discuss word meanings all along the way!



Word Chaining Example

original word

n e t

substitution

b e t

substitution

b e g

substitution

l e g

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Short 'e' only	Short 'e' and Short 'u'
net	peg
bet	pug
beg	pun
leg	pen
led	pet
red	get
bed	gut
ben	gum
ten	hum
hen	hem
hem	
<p>VOCABULARY NOTE:</p> <p>led: <i>Led</i> is the past tense of lead. I <i>led</i> my class outside for recess.</p> <p>hem: The <i>hem</i> is the edge of a piece of clothing that is stitched. My pants were too long for me, so my mom folded them bottom and sewed them. She put a <i>hem</i> in my pants.</p>	<p>VOCABULARY NOTE:</p> <p>hum: To <i>hum</i> is to sing with your lips closed. I sometimes <i>hum</i> as I drive.</p> <p>gut: Another name for your belly is your <i>gut</i>. Pat your belly or <i>gut</i>.</p>

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Short 'e' and Short 'o'	Short 'e' and Short 'a'
net	sat
not	set
nod	pet
rod	pat
red	rat
led	rag
leg	lag
log	leg
hog	peg
hot	pen
<p>VOCABULARY NOTE:</p> <p>nod: To <i>nod</i> is to move your head up and down. I <i>nod</i> my head yes when my mom asks if I want cereal.</p> <p>rod: A <i>rod</i> is a long pole. When I go fishing, I use my fishing <i>rod</i>. I also hang up the curtains on a <i>rod</i>.</p>	<p>VOCABULARY NOTE:</p> <p>lag: When you are far behind the group, you <i>lag</i> behind. Don't <i>lag</i> behind our line as we walk to recess.</p> <p>rag: I use a <i>rag</i> or small towel to wipe the table clean.</p> <p>pen: I wrote on the paper with a blue <i>pen</i>. Did you know that a farmer keeps his animals in a <i>pen</i> to keep them safe? A <i>pen</i> is an area that is fenced in.</p>

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Short 'e' and Short 'i'

ten

tin

pin

pen

ben

bin

win

wit

wet

set

sit

sip

VOCABULARY NOTE:

tin: *Tin* is a type of metal. I cover the chicken with *tin* foil before I put it in the oven. My mom bought a *tin* can of green beans at the store.

wit: I use my *wit* to solve the math problem $2+2$. *Wit* is your intelligence.

pin: A *pin* is a sharp metal object. A *pin* can hold two things together. I use push *pins* to hang up the paper on the board.



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