

# Word Chaining with Short 'i'

**Purpose:** strengthen word-reading fluency

## READING WORDS

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: set of lowercase letter cards: a, b, d, e, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, 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, *fit*) 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: /f/, /i/, /t/, *fit*."
- Switch the word by placing a new letter on top of an existing letter. For instance, place a 'g' on top of the 't' to turn *fit* into *fin*.
- Have students, as a group, say the sounds in the word if they need that level of scaffolding (/f/, /i/, /n/, *fin*). Otherwise just have the group read the new word.
- Remember to discuss word meanings all along the way!



## Word Chaining Example

|               |   |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| original word | f | i | t |
| substitution  | f | i | n |
| substitution  | p | i | n |
| substitution  | p | i | g |

## 5 Word Chains with Short 'i'

| Short 'i' only   | Short 'i' and Short 'u'   |
|--|---|
| if   | dig   |
| in   | dug   |
| it   | bug   |
| fit  | big   |
| fin  | bit   |
| pin  | but   |
| pig  | nut   |
| wig  | hut   |
| win  | hit   |
| tin  | pit   |
| tip  | pig   |
| <p><b>VOCABULARY:</b></p> <p><b>wig:</b> A <i>wig</i> is fake hair that you wear. I wore a <i>wig</i> for Halloween when I dressed up as a princess.</p> <p><b>tip:</b> <i>Tip</i> has multiple meanings. The top of something is the <i>tip</i>. The <i>tip</i> of my pencil is sharp. <i>Tip</i> can also be money that you give someone for a service they provide. We <i>tip</i> the server at the restaurant.</p> <p><b>pin:</b> <i>Pin</i> has multiple meanings. A <i>pin</i> is a small metal object with a sharp point. It can be used to hold pieces of cloth together. <i>Pin</i> also means to hold something down. In wrestling, you have to <i>pin</i> your opponent to the mat.</p> | <p><b>VOCABULARY:</b></p> <p><b>hut:</b> A <i>hut</i> is a small home, usually made of one room. An igloo is an example of a <i>hut</i>.</p> <p><b>pit:</b> <i>Pit</i> has multiple meanings. It can mean a hole in the ground. Be careful as you walk across the grass, there is a small <i>pit</i>. When I eat cherries, I always make sure to spit out the <i>pit</i>, which is the seed in the middle of the fruit.</p> |

## 5 Word Chains with Short 'i'

| Short 'i' and Short 'o'   | Short 'i' and Short 'a'   |
|---|---|
| hip   | rip   |
| hop   | tip   |
| hot   | tap   |
| hit   | sap   |
| him   | sip   |
| tim   | sit   |
| tom   | mit   |
| tot   | mat   |
| lot   | map   |
| lit   | lap   |
|   | lip   |
|   | lit   |
| <b>VOCABULARY:</b><br><b>hip:</b> Your <i>hip</i> is on the side of your body where your leg connects to your waist. <i>Hip</i> can also mean cool.<br><b>tot:</b> A <i>tot</i> is a small child. He went to preschool when he was a <i>tot</i> . | <b>VOCABULARY:</b><br><b>rip:</b> A <i>rip</i> is a tear. He had a <i>rip</i> in his jeans.<br><b>sap:</b> <i>Sap</i> is a sticky liquid that comes out of a plant. |

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### Short 'i' and Short 'e'

bet

get

met

mit

mid

lid

led

leg

peg

pig

#### VOCABULARY:

**beg:** To *beg* is to ask for something. I *beg* my mom to let me play outside.

**peg:** A *peg* is a small pointed piece of wood or metal that holds things down or goes into a hole. We use *pegs* to attach the tent to the ground.



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