

Word Chaining with Short 'o'

Purpose: strengthen word-reading fluency

READING WORDS

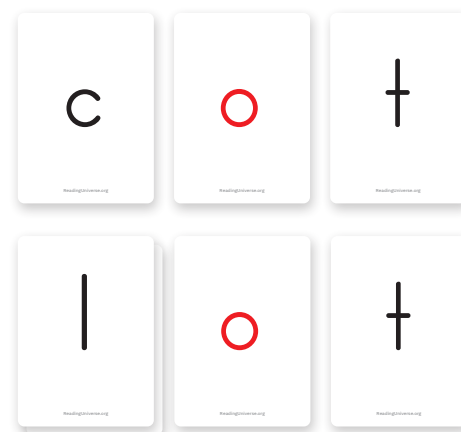
In this activity, teachers will turn short words into new words by changing a single letter or sound, and students will read the words.

Materials:

- set of lowercase letter cards: set of lowercase letter cards: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, l, m, o, p, r, t, u

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, *cot*) 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: /c/, /ŏ/, /t/, *cot*."
- 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 *cot* into *lot*.
- Have students, as a group, say the sounds in the word if they need that level of scaffolding (/l/, /ŏ/, /t/, *lot*). Otherwise just have the group read the new word.
- Remember to discuss word meanings all along the way!



Word Chaining Example

original word

t o t

substitution

l o t

substitution

l o g

substitution

h o g

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Short 'o' only	Short 'o' and Short 'i'
cot	rip
lot	hip
log	hop
hog	hog
hop	jog
mop	jig
cop	dig
cot	fig
dot	fog
dog	
fog	
<p>VOCABULARY NOTE:</p> <p>cot: A cot is small bed you can collapse and take places.</p> <p>fog: Fog is like a low-hanging cloud that makes the air look hazy. You cannot see far away when there is fog.</p>	<p>VOCABULARY NOTE:</p> <p>hog: At playtime, when you take all the blocks and don't share them with a friend, you are being a hog. But hog is also another word for pig.</p> <p>jig: A jig is a dance. Let's stand up and do a jig.</p> <p>fig: A fig is a fruit that grows on a tree. A fig tastes sweet.</p>

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Short 'o' and Short 'a'	Short 'o' and Short 'u'
cop	bug
cap	dug
lap	dog
lag	dot
log	cot
hog	cut
hot	cup
hat	pup
pat	pop
pot	hop
	hot
	hut
<p>VOCABULARY NOTE:</p> <p>cop: A <i>cop</i> is another name for a police officer.</p> <p>cap: A <i>cap</i> is another name for a hat with a brim, like a baseball <i>cap</i>. Or it is a top or lid you put on something.</p>	<p>VOCABULARY NOTE:</p> <p>dug: <i>Dug</i> is the past tense of dig. I <i>dug</i> a hole in the ground.</p> <p>hut: A <i>hut</i> is a small home, usually made of one room. An igloo is an example of a <i>hut</i>.</p>

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Short 'o' and Short 'e'

log

leg

let

get

got

gob

mob

rob

rod

red

led

VOCABULARY NOTE:

gob: A *gob* is a lump of slimy substance. Don't use a *glob* of glue when a little dot is enough.

mob: A *mob* is a large group of people. When I was at Disney World there was a *mob* of people.

rob: When you *rob* someone you take something from them without asking. *Rob* means to steal.



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