

## Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words.

### Phonics and Word Recognition

#### Phonics Flash Card Activity

- *Long and short vowel cards (pp. 2–11)*
- *Pocket chart*
- *Bag or small box*

This activity teaches students to distinguish short and long vowels.

1. Print out the cards and cut them apart.
2. Select one group of cards (for example, Short *a* and Long *a*). Put the appropriate short- or long-vowel headings (in this case, Short *a* and Long *a*) at the top of the pocket chart. Put all the short and long *a* cards in a bag or small box.
3. Have a student draw a card out of the bag or box. The student then places the card in a pocket under the correct heading.

**Teacher:** Who can tell us what a vowel is?

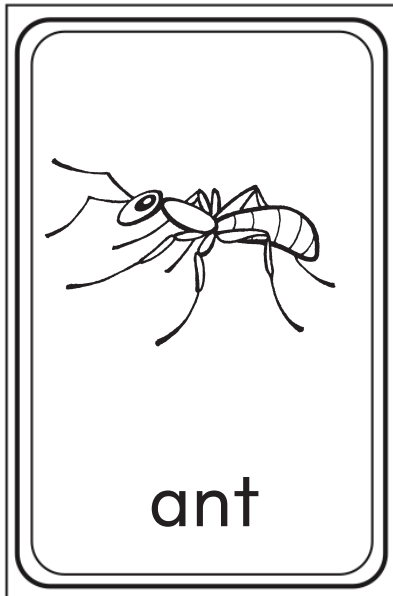
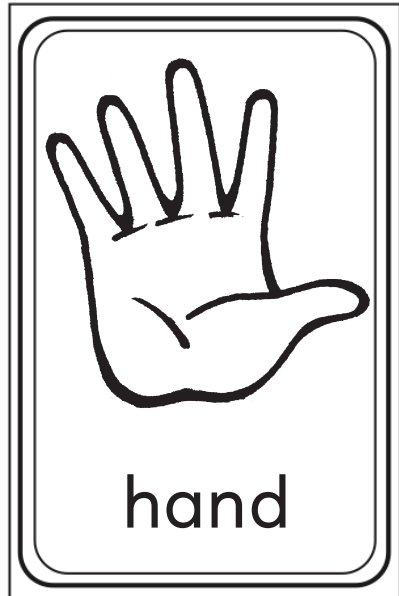
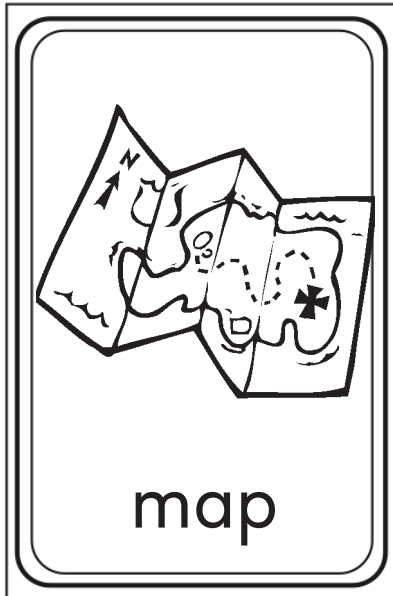
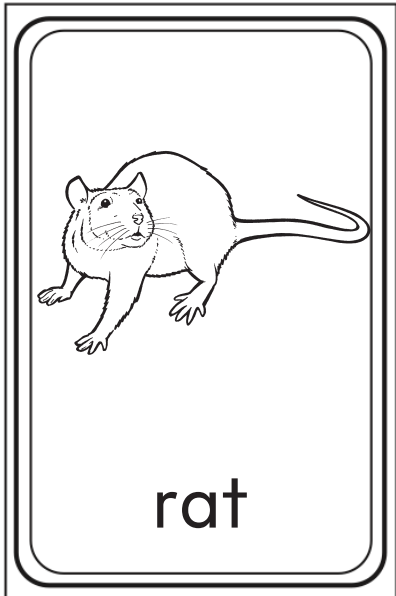
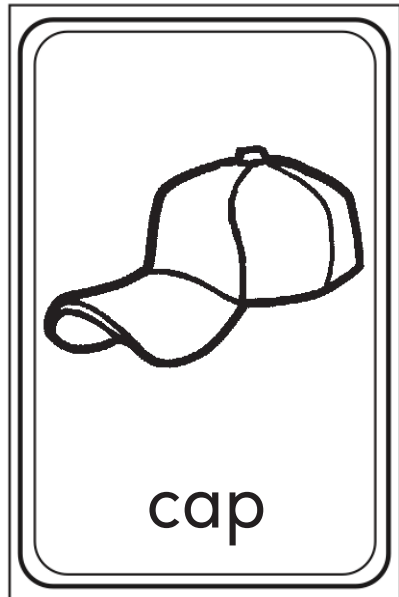
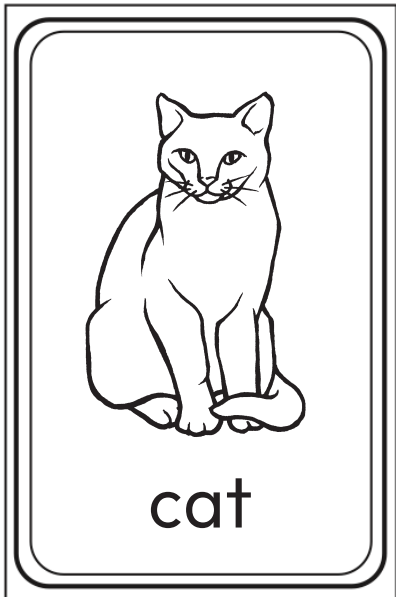
Did you know some vowels are short and some are long?

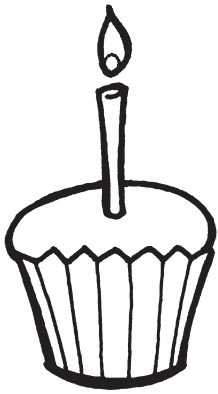
Words like *cat*, *ant*, and *apple* all have a short *a*.

Here are some words with long vowels: *cake*, *rain*, *wave*, and *play*.

(*Note:* Repeat this kind of introduction for each of the short vowel/long vowel pairings.)

Short a

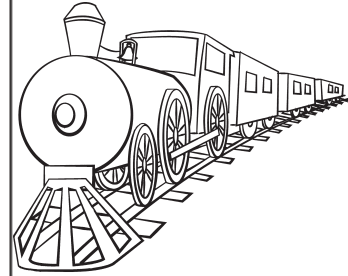




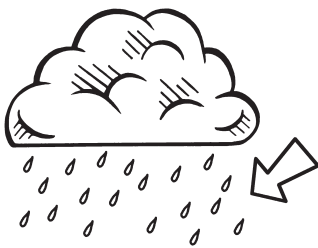
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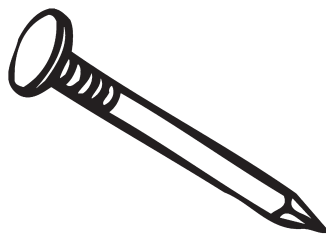
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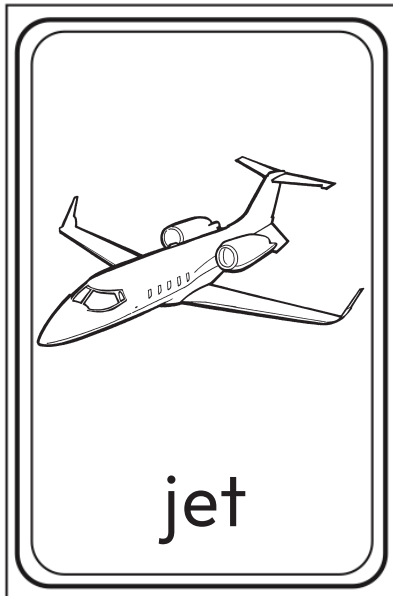
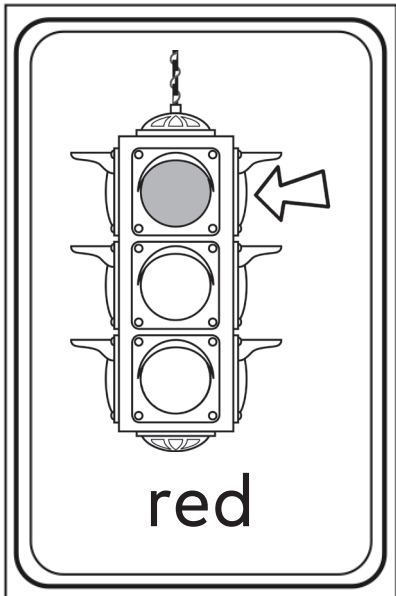
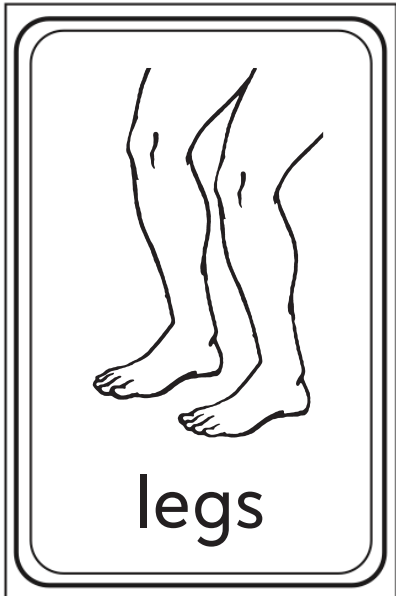
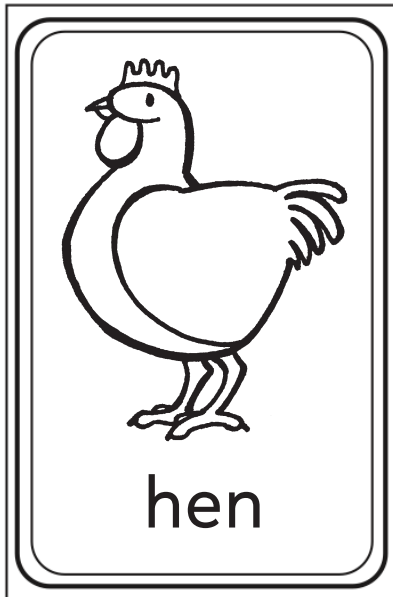
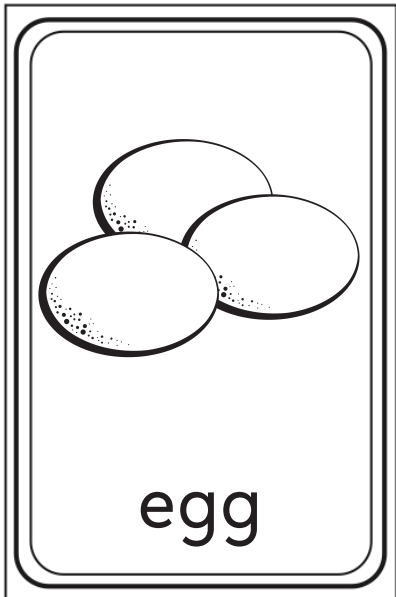


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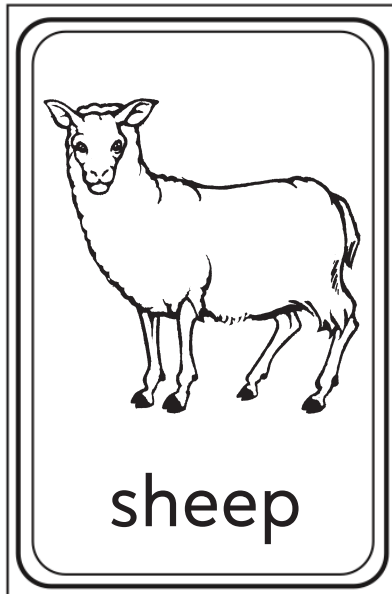
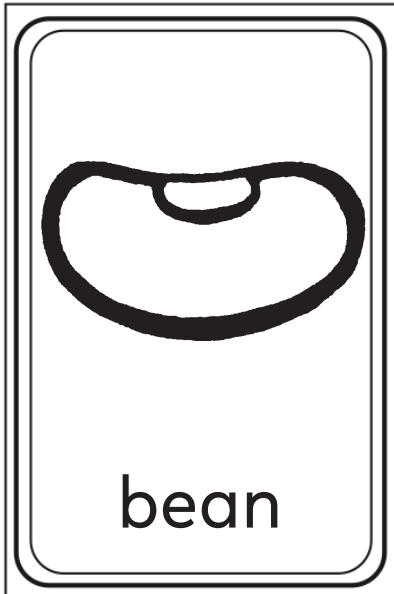


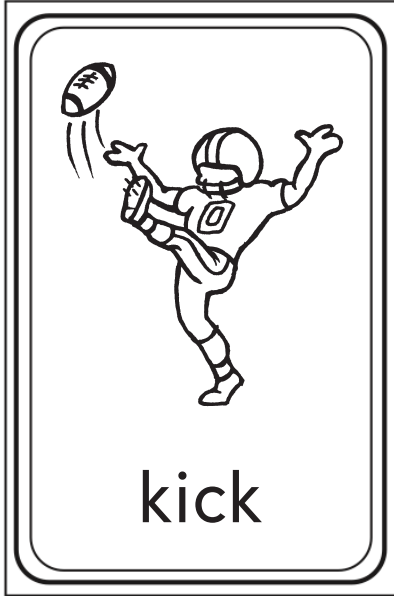
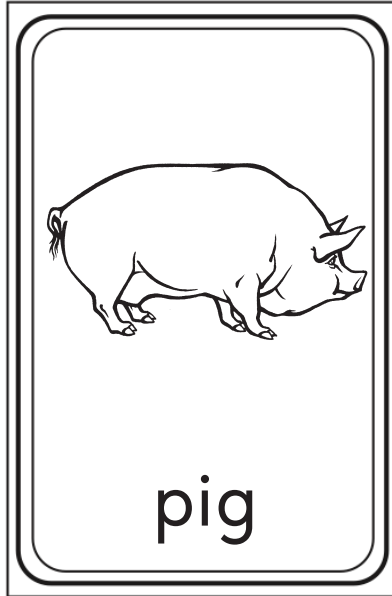
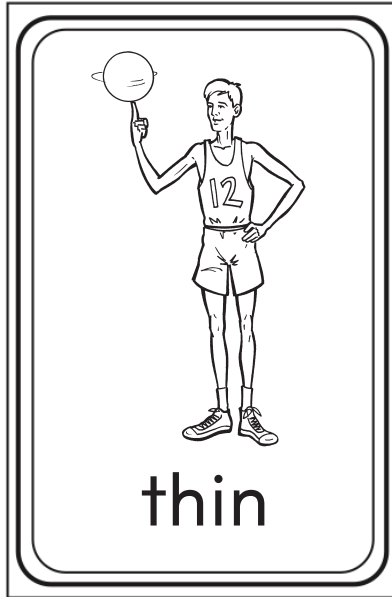
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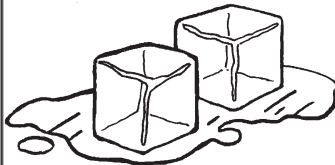




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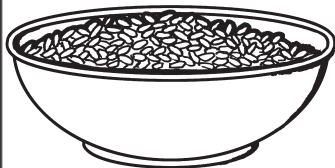
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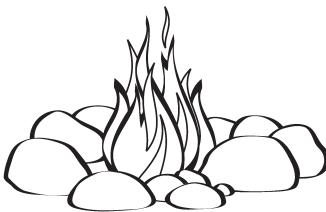
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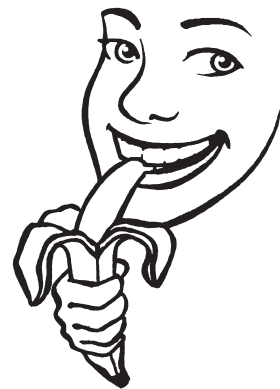
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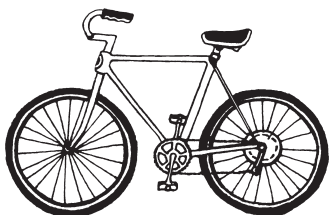
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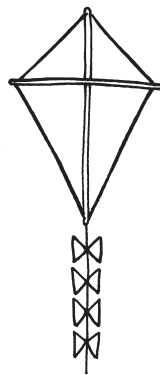
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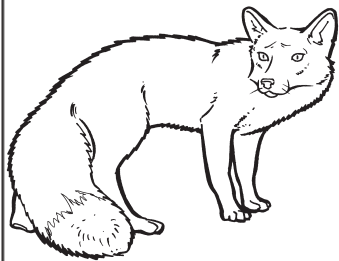


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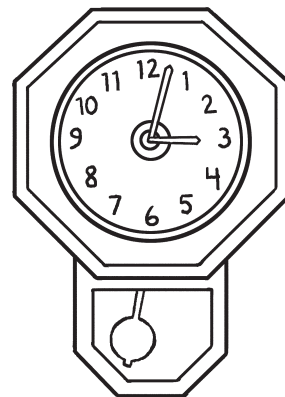
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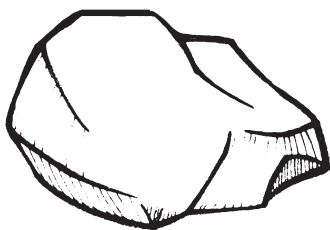
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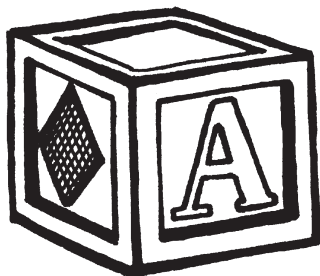
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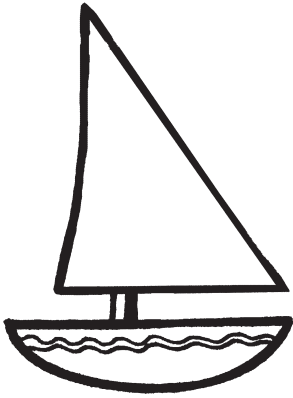
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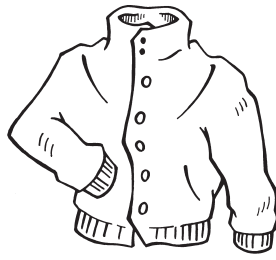
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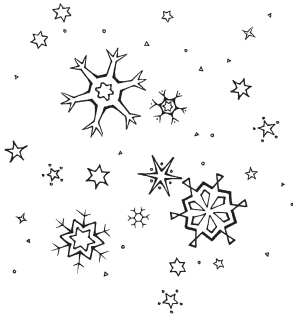
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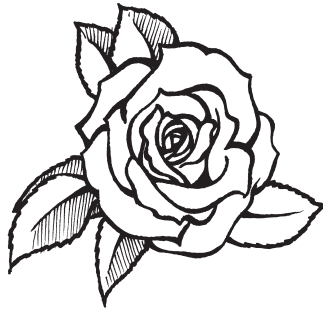
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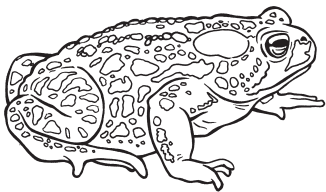
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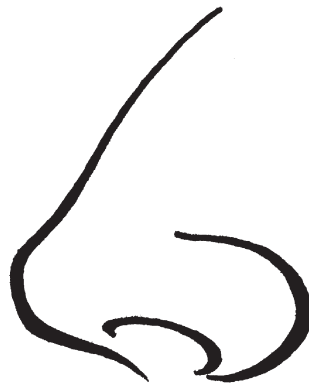
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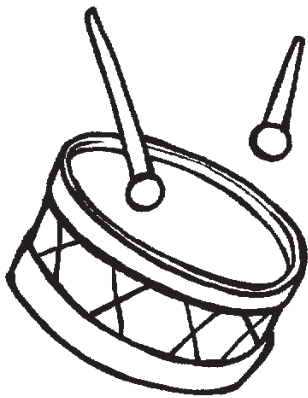


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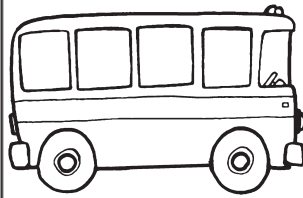


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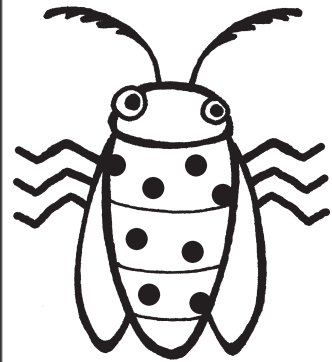
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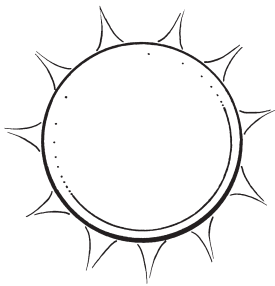
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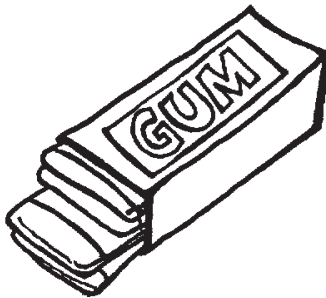
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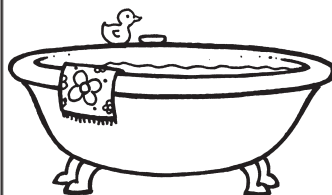
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