Middle Sound Sorting Short Vowels (ă, ĕ, ĭ, ŏ, ŭ)

What You'll Need

- Set of Medial Sound Cards cut out
- Two trays or separate spaces for sounds

How to Play

- 1. Start by telling your child that today you'll be listening to the middle (medial) sounds in words.
- 2. Use the /ă/ and /ĭ/ sound cards to begin.
- 3. Show your child the first picture card, for example, a rat. Say the word slowly: "R-aaaaa-t." Point out

the middle sound / \ddot{a} / and have your child say it with you. Then, place the card on the tray or space labeled with / \ddot{a} /.

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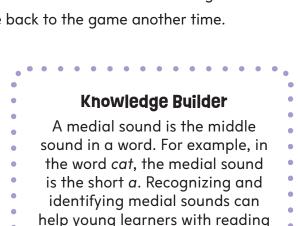
- 4. Next, show a card with a pig. Say the word "P-iiiii-g." Emphasize the middle sound /ĭ/ and have your child say it with you. Place it on the tray labeled with /ĭ/.
- 5. Go through the rest of the picture cards, asking your child to help you listen for the middle sound. Together, sort them onto the correct trays: /ă/ like in *rat* or /ĭ/ like in *pig*.

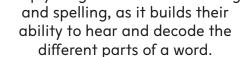
Fun Ideas to Try

- Once you've sorted all the /ă/ and /ĭ/ sounds, you can add new middle sounds to the game.
- Keep playing as long as your child is enjoying it, or come back to the game another time.

| Letter Sound | Picture Cards |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| ă | bat, fan, rat, jam, mat, map |
| ĕ | bed, hen, web, pen, net |
| ĭ | pig, fish, wig, zip, six, lid |
| ŏ | log, dog, pot, box, top |
| ŭ | duck, cub, tub, bug, sun |

Short vowel sounds are often shown with a curved mark above the letter (ă, ĕ, ĭ, ŏ, ŭ).







Example of Sound Sense Cards

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