

BEGINNING READER SAMPLER

CVC Cliffhanger Readers

Weird Little Mysteries

Three cute, funny, decodable stories for kids practicing CVC words and beginning sight words.

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Teacher friendly

BrainiacKids • Personal/homeschool sampler + one-class teacher trial use



Parent & Teacher Quick Start

How to use this sampler

1. Read the word warm-up together.
2. Let the child sound out the story text first.
3. Use the picture after reading to confirm meaning.
4. Read the adult “tiny big idea” note for wonder.
5. Ask the question at the end.

What makes this different?

These are not worksheets. Each story is controlled for beginning readers, but still has a mystery, a laugh, and a tiny science idea for adults to share.

Child layer: simple CVC words.

Adult layer: big ideas made tiny.

Sound-it-out reminder

If your child guesses from the picture, say: “**Sound it out first, then check the picture.**”

What Your Child Will Practice

Sam and the Bat Map

Focus:

Short a CVC: Sam, map, bat, sat, tap, mat, cap, tag

Heart words:

a, the, has, can, see, on, is, to, it, not

Pip in the Pit

Focus:

Short i CVC: Pip, pig, pit, big, dig, fin, pin, zip, tip

Heart words:

a, the, is, in, see, can, no, it

Fox in the Box

Focus:

Short o CVC: fox, box, hop, top, pop, pot, hot, dot

Heart words:

a, the, is, in, on, see, can, no, not, it

Teacher note

This sampler is designed for small-group, tutoring, homeschool, or one-class preview use. A full classroom license should be purchased for ongoing classroom use once Pack 1 is available.

Word Warm-Up: Sam and the Bat Map

Touch each sound. Blend the word. Then read the story.

Sam

map

bat

sat

tap

mat

cap

tag

Tiny big idea — adult read

Bats can use echoes to find hidden things. Kid idea: the bat can tap and listen for a hidden clue.

Story

Sam and the Bat Map

Short a CVC: Sam, map, bat, sat,
tap, mat, cap, tag

Read the words. Find the clue.





**Sam has a
map.**



**A bat sat on
the map.**



**Tap, tap,
tap.
The bat can
tap.**



**Sam can
see a cap.
The cap is
on a mat.**



**Sam ran to
the mat.
The bat sat
in the cap.**



**Tap, tap,
tap.
Sam can
see a tag.**



**The tag is
not on the
map.
It is on the
bat.**

After Reading: Sam and the Bat Map

Question

What did the bat tap?

Confidence badge

★ I read a short-a mystery!

Word Warm-Up: Pip in the Pit

Touch each sound. Blend the word. Then read the story.

Pip

pig

pit

big

dig

fin

pin

zip

tip

Tiny big idea — adult read

Scientists learn about the past by looking for clues under the ground. Kid idea:
Pip digs and finds a clue from long ago.

Story

Pip in the Pit

Short i CVC: Pip, pig, pit, big, dig,
fin, pin, zip, tip

Read the words. Find the clue.





**Pip is a pig.
Pip is in a
pit.**



**Pip can dig.
Dig, Pip,
dig!**



**Pip can see
a pin.
The pin is
big.**



**No, Pip, no!
The pin can
zip.**



**Pip can see
a fin.
A big fin is
in the pit.**



**Dig, Pip,
dig!
The fin can
tip.**



**Pip can see
it.
It is big.**

After Reading: Pip in the Pit

Question

What did Pip find in the pit?

Confidence badge

★ I read a short-i mystery!

Word Warm-Up: Fox in the Box

Touch each sound. Blend the word. Then read the story.

fox

box

hop

top

pop

pot

hot

dot

Tiny big idea — adult read

Before Fox opens the box, Fox does not know exactly what is inside. Kid idea: sometimes a mystery stays a mystery until you look.

Story

Fox in the Box

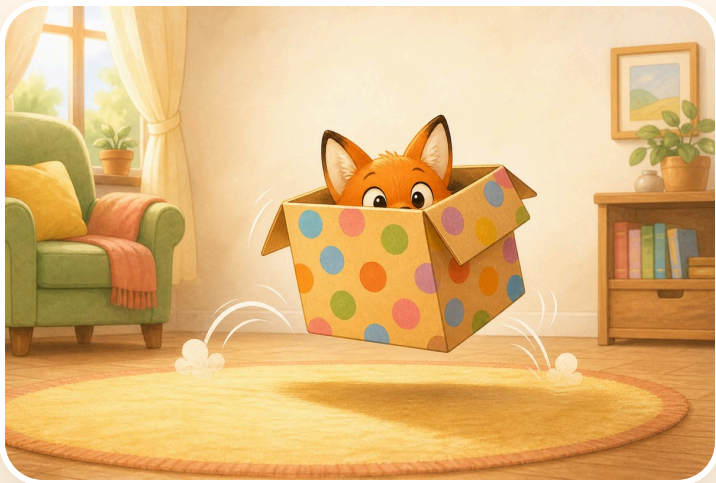
Short o CVC: fox, box, hop, top,
pop, pot, hot, dot

Read the words. Find the clue.





**A fox is in a
box.**



**The box
can hop.
Hop, hop,
hop!**



**The fox is
on top.
The box
can pop.**



Pop!
A pot is in
the box.



**The pot is
hot.
No, fox, no!**



**Fox can see
a dot.
The dot is
on the pot.**



**Pop, pop,
pop.
Fox can not
see it.**

After Reading: Fox in the Box

Question

What was inside the box?

Confidence badge

★ I read a short-o mystery!

Which Mystery Was Best?

Ask your reader

Circle one:

Sam & the Bat Map

Pip in the Pit

Fox in the Box

Why?

For the adult

Which story made your child want the next page?

Which illustration style did your child like most?

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