

Short Vowels Roll a Word Activity

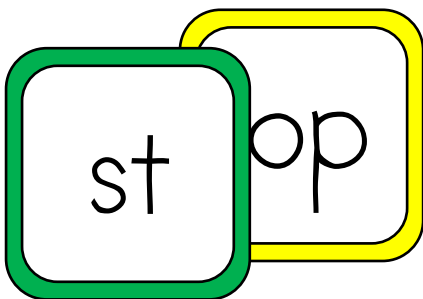
For use with Photo Stacking Blocks, which can be purchased on Amazon. If you do not have Photo Stacking Blocks, you can adapt this activity without them or make your own stacking blocks out of Priority Mail boxes.

To Play:

- Insert 6 beginning sounds cards (pp. 2-12 of this download) into one photo stacking block.
- Insert 6 short vowel word endings (pp. 13-25) into the other photo stacking block.
- Roll the stacking blocks, reading each word you make. Tell whether it is a real or nonsense word.

To extend the activity:

- Insert different beginning sound cards or short vowel word endings to create more words together.
- Print off the recording sheet (p. 26) and write the words you make. Circle the real words.
- For older readers/spellers, try the same activity with long vowel words (from [This Reading Mama](#)).



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*Teaching Tip: For new readers, the single beginning sounds (from p. 2 to the top of p. 6) will be the most appropriate.

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blends

*Teaching Tip: As readers grow and can handle more, try inserting a few blends or digraphs into the first cube.

blends

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blends

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blends

sw

tr

tw

digraphs

ch

ph

sh

th

*Teaching Tip: For new readers, the word endings with one vowel and one ending consonant will be the easiest (such as -at, -ig, or -ut). As readers progress, they will feel more comfortable with endings that have more consonants at the end, such as -and, -est, or -ump.

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