PHONICS GAME
LONG & SHORT VOWELS
For 2-4 Players

Word List
The words below are listed by vowel sound. Check that the words you matched are both in the same column.

Long ă
- cake
- frame
- ape
- snake

Short ă
- lamp
- crab
- bat
- ant
- hat
- rat

Long ă
- peas
- zebra
- key
- wheel

Short ă
- hen
- letter
- bell
- net
- web
- step

Long ĕ
- kite
- dice
- pie
- bike
- tie
- spider

Short ĕ
- lips
- fish
- pig
- wig

Long ŭ
- bone
- ghost
- yo-yo
- rope

Short ŭ
- box
- clock
- frog
- mop
- lock
- dog

Long ŭ
- uniform
- unicycle

Short ŭ
- cup
- duck
- skunk
- rug
- drum
- trunk
Contents:
Game Board
Spinner
24 Word Cards

Object of the game:
Be the first player to place all of his or her word cards on the game board by matching vowel sounds. Use the word list on the next page to double-check the vowels in the words.

Set up:
Each player picks 4 word cards and places them (picture side up) in front of him or her. Stack remaining cards (picture side up) in a neat pile.

Game play:
The first player spins and follows the directions on the spinner.

Spinning a Vowel:
• If a player spins a vowel, the player looks through his or her cards for one that is missing the vowel shown on the spinner.
• If the player has a card that is missing that vowel, he or she finds a word on the game board with the same vowel sound and places the card on top of the picture. Then it is the next player’s turn.
• If the player does not have a card that is missing the vowel, he or she draws the top card from the pile. If the player draws a card that has the correct missing vowel, he or she can place it on the game board. Otherwise, the player keeps the card and it is the next player’s turn.
• If there are no more cards in the pile, a player must take a card with the missing vowel from another player, and place it on the board. If no other player has a card with the missing vowel, the player skips his or her turn.

Free Match:
• A player can place any one of his or her cards on the game board.

Give Away a Card:
• A player gives one of his or her cards to any other player.

To Win:
The first player to place all of his or her cards on the board is the winner!