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SHORT VOWEL STEPS

Grade level: Kindergarten

Common Core Standard: RFK.3.a: Demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing the primary sound or many of the most frequent sounds for each consonant.

Objective: While playing the game Short Vowel Steps, students will match a missing vowel sound in a CVC word to the correct corresponding letter (a, e, i, o, u) at least four times.

Introduction: Short Vowel Steps teaches students to practice the one-to-one letter-sound correspondence of short vowels.

Summary: Short Vowel Steps offers students a creative way to practice one-to-one letter-sound correspondence with the letters a, e, i, o, and u. After students choose a card from the “pick up” pile, they identify the vowel that is missing and move their piece to the next spot on the game board with that vowel. The first player to finish wins the game.

Procedure:

1. Place all player pieces at “start.”
2. Place all cards face-down on “pick up” pile.
3. Roll a die to see who goes first.
4. First player chooses a card in the “pick up” pile.
5. Player uses picture clue to read word out loud and determine the short vowel that is missing.
6. Player moves their piece to the next “step” that corresponds to the missing vowel on their card. If they land on a colored step, they do the following:
 - a. *Red:* go back to start
 - b. *Yellow:* move forward 1 space
 - c. *Blue:* move back 2 spaces
 - d. *Green:* go again (pick up another card and follow #5-8)
7. Player adds their word to their Short Vowel Step Chart.
8. Player places card on discard pile.
9. First player to get to last “a” at the finish wins.

Assessment: Each student has a Short Vowel Step Chart, and writes each word (including the vowel) that they draw from the pick-up pile in the appropriate vowel column. For example, if the student picks up the card that reads b_d with a picture of a bed on it, they would write “bed” in the “e” column:

a	e	i	o	u
	bed			

Materials:

- Short Vowel Steps game board
- picture cards with CVC words that are missing a vowel
- number die
- game pieces for each player (2-4 players)



Game adapted from "Frog Hop" found at:

<http://www.claremore.k12.ok.us/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/4f5791adc7b1d/Phonics%20Games.pdf>