

# ANIMAL ANTICS

## Short Vowel Phonics Readers





# A “Fun-damental” Phonics Program

## The Ideal Supplement!



*Animal Antics Short Vowel Phonics* brings phonics-skill practice to life with its comical and lively animal-themed readers. Students will master the five short vowels as they read their way through the 15 full-color readers. The text is simple and intentionally repetitive, and the animated illustrations allow for “picture reading” and student interaction. The accompanying activities provide nonreaders and beginning readers with opportunities to practice and strengthen their word recognition, reading comprehension, and phonics skills.



## What’s Included in the Kit?

**3 copies of 15 titles** in full color (45 books total)

**Teacher Guide** with 15 teaching units—one for each of the short vowel readers. Each unit includes: an overview page; teacher instructions; before, during, and after reading activities; discussion questions; activity sheets; and assessments.

**240-page Reproducible Student Activities Resource Book** with online access to each activity

**Sturdy Storage Container**

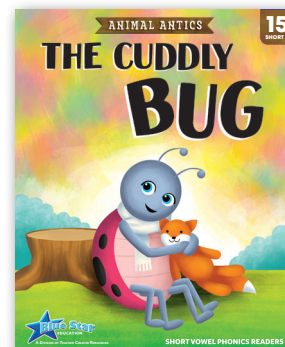
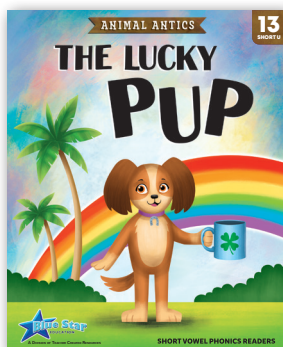
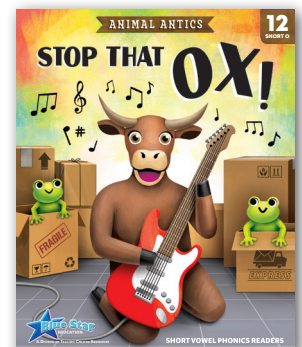
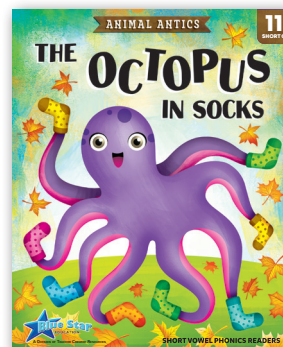
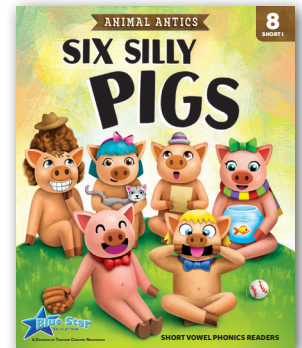
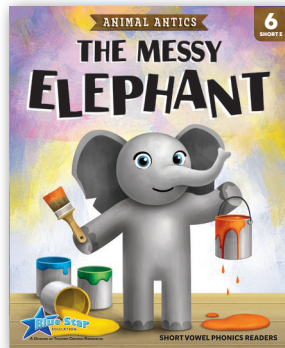
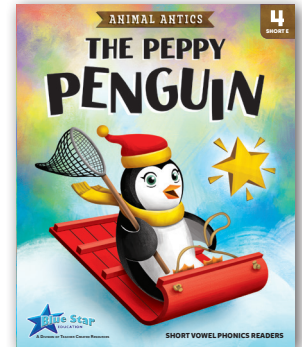
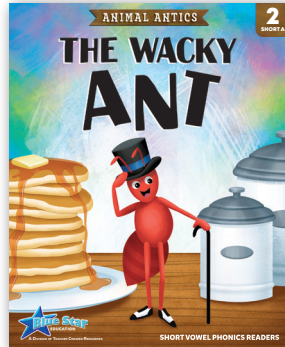
## Why It Works:

- Helps students build foundational, sound-based decoding skills
- Uses playful illustrations that connect to text and invite discussion
- Provides easy-to-use lessons and a variety of activities that support each reader
- Offers read-alouds and independent reading opportunities
- Promotes speaking and listening skills
- Effectively supports phonics-based learning in the classroom and at home

Complete Kit			
Short Vowel Kit	BSE53278	\$199	
Short Vowel: 6-Packs	Full-Color 6-Pack Readers	B&W Student 6-Pack Readers	
Oh, That Cat! (short a)	BSE53306	\$29	BSE53321 \$6.99
The Wacky Ant (short a)	BSE53307	\$29	BSE53322 \$6.99
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The Lucky Pup (short u)	BSE53318	\$29	BSE53333 \$6.99
Fun with a Skunk (short u)	BSE53319	\$29	BSE53334 \$6.99
The Cuddly Bug (short u)	BSE53320	\$29	BSE53335 \$6.99
Short Vowel: Add-On Pack (15 titles)	BSE53279	\$72	

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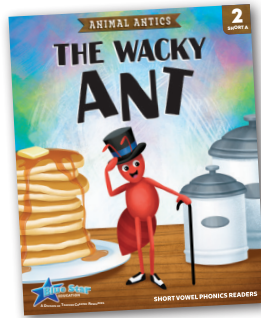
A bat who can dance, an octopus wearing socks, a skunk in a tux, and pigs in wigs? You'll see them all and much more in these *Animal Antics Short Vowel Phonics Readers*. Listen to the giggles and watch children's reading skills grow with these comical and lively animal-themed books!





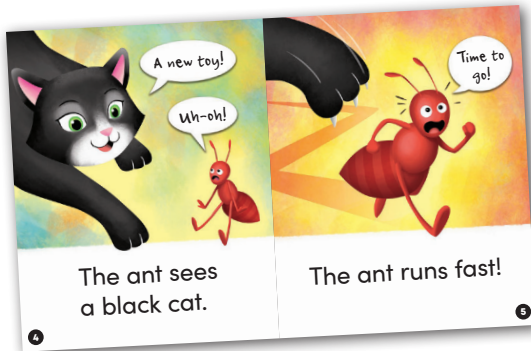
# Animal Antics Short Vowel Readers

Take a look inside!



All 16-page books include fun-filled content and phonics-driven reading practice for young readers.

Sample pages from *The Wacky Ant*



Animated illustrations and speech bubbles bring characters to life, prompt lively discussion, and encourage students to connect with the text.

Each book targets between 18 and 25 words (including CVC words, sight words, high-frequency words, and challenge words), and all words are introduced prior to reading.

CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant)	
ant	map
can	pan
cat	rat
has	tap
hat	yak

SIGHT WORDS AND HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS		
a	in	sees
and	is	the
gets	on	where
have	runs	will

CHALLENGE WORDS		
Antarctica	dance	panda
apples	fast	sack
band	hand	sand
black	land	stands
cash	packs	

Sample words from *The Wacky Ant*



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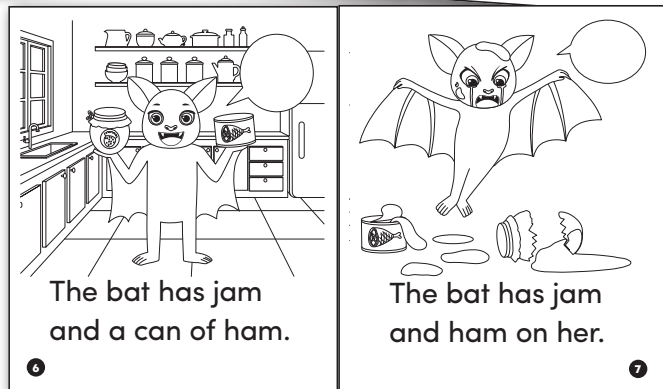
Read and share in  
school, at home, or  
on the go!

## Exclusive Black & White Student Reader Versions!



Sample black and white pages from *That Busy Bat*

Students can color in the pages,  
add their own text and art, and read  
each book over and over again.



Individual titles are sold separately as 6-packs.



Book information  
and Lexile Levels are  
provided for all titles.

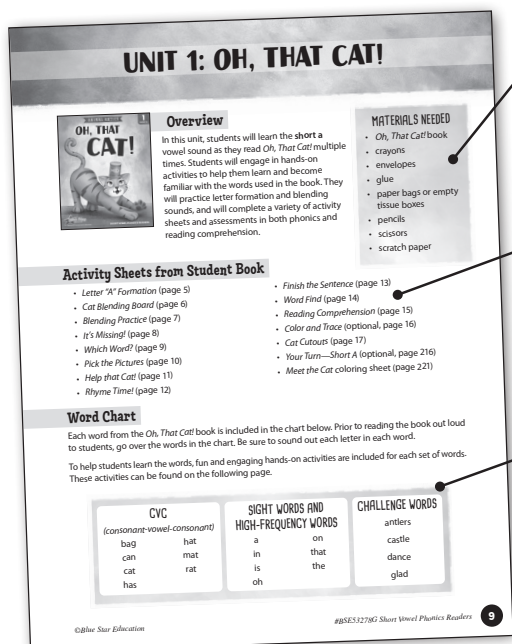
Book #	Book Title	Developmental Stage	Reading Level	Lexile® Level	Word Count
1	<i>Oh, That Cat!</i>	Early	E	130L	122
2	<i>The Wacky Ant</i>	Early	G	250L	132
3	<i>That Busy Bat</i>	Early	G	240L	145
4	<i>The Peppy Penguin</i>	Early	G	250L	125
5	<i>The Best Pets</i>	Early	G	210L	166
6	<i>The Messy Elephant</i>	Early	G	240L	144
7	<i>The Little Lizard</i>	Early	I	340L	166
8	<i>Six Silly Pigs</i>	Early	G	230L	130
9	<i>The Big, Big Hippo</i>	Early	G	230L	129
10	<i>The Odd Fox</i>	Early	G	230L	132
11	<i>The Octopus in Socks</i>	Early	H	260L	154
12	<i>Stop That Ox!</i>	Early	G	230L	152
13	<i>The Lucky Pup</i>	Early	G	250L	149
14	<i>Fun with a Skunk</i>	Early	G	230L	134
15	<i>The Cuddly Bug</i>	Early	G	240L	157



# The Teacher Guide



Easy-to-follow instructions connect the content of each book to specific phonics and reading comprehension skills.



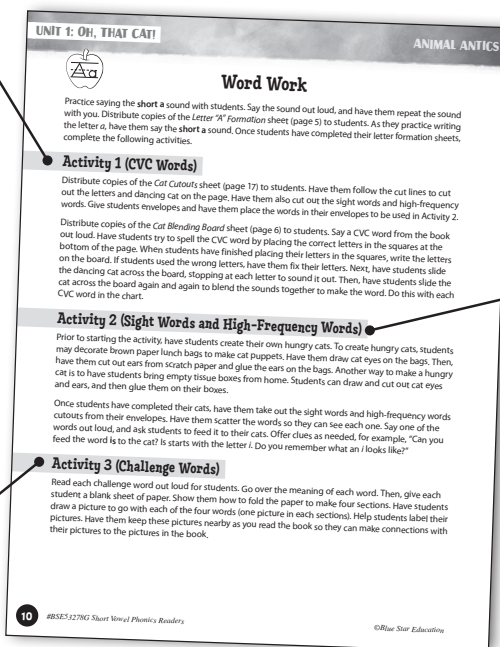
A materials list is included with each lesson to aid the teacher in gathering necessary supplies prior to beginning the lesson.

A list of 15 activity sheets from the Student Activities Resource Book is included with each lesson to allow teachers to prepare copies of the sheets for students.

The word chart includes each word in the running text of the reader. (Note: The words in the speech bubbles are not included in the chart.) The words have been divided into three categories: consonant, vowel, consonant (or CVC) words, sight and high-frequency words, and challenge words. **CVC words** help students recognize that three distinct sounds or letters can blend together to form a word. Learning new **sight words** (words recognized on sight) and **high-frequency words** (words that occur most frequently in print) help students improve fluency. Lastly, **challenge words** are vocabulary words that are a little more challenging to read for beginning readers. All these words should be reviewed prior to reading the book. Suggested activities are included in the lesson to help familiarize students with these words.

**Activity 1** of the word work activities helps students learn and become familiar with the CVC words from the reader. Students will practice spelling, sounding out, and reading each of the words by using a blending board included in the Student Activities Resource Book.

**Activity 3** of the word work activities helps students learn and become familiar with the challenge words from the reader. Each engaging activity will help students define, understand, and learn these new words.

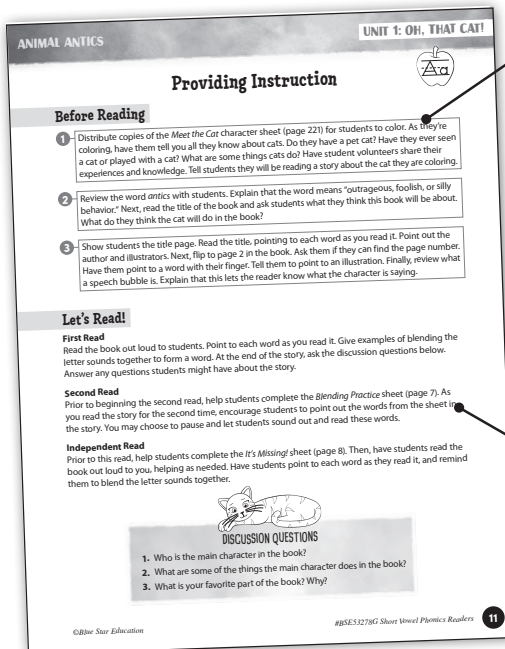
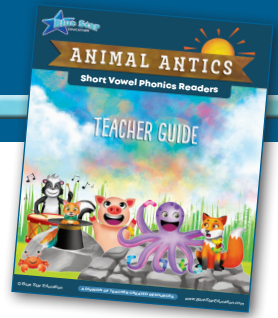


**Activity 2** of the word work activities helps students learn and become familiar with the sight words and high-frequency words from the reader. This hands-on art-inspired activity is unique to each unit.



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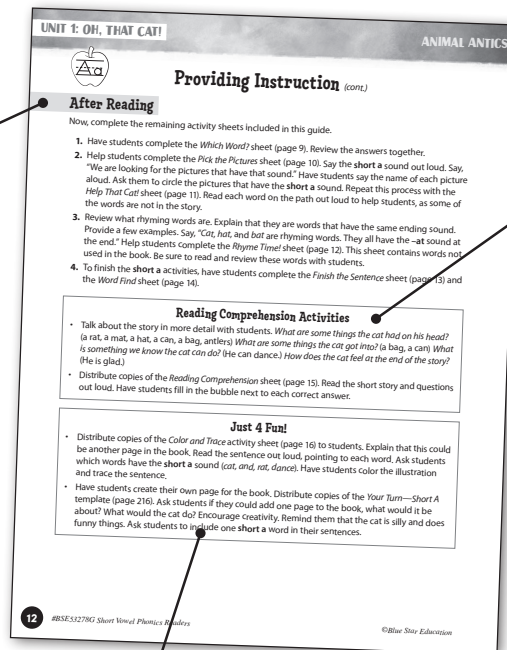
Lesson suggestions, assessments, and fun-filled extension activities support each Animal Antics Short Vowel Phonics reader!



In the **Before Reading** section, students will be introduced to the main character in the book via a coloring sheet included in the Student Activities Resource Book. They will activate prior knowledge as they discuss what they know about the animal featured in the reader. Under the teacher's direction, students will then review basic print features of the reader.

In the **Let's Read** (or during reading) section, the teacher will read the book out loud twice. Discussion questions are included to help guide students in talking about the text and comprehending what occurred in the text. Students will also practice blending words from the book, using activity sheets from the Student Activities Resource Book. This section concludes with students performing independent reads of the text and completing additional activity sheets.

In the **After Reading** section, students will complete additional activity sheets from the Student Activities Resource Book. In these activity sheets, students will continue to work with short vowel sounds and words in addition to touching on rhyming and word families.



In the **Reading Comprehension Activities** section, teachers will lead the students through text-dependent discussion questions. Students will also take a reading comprehension assessment based on a sample text.



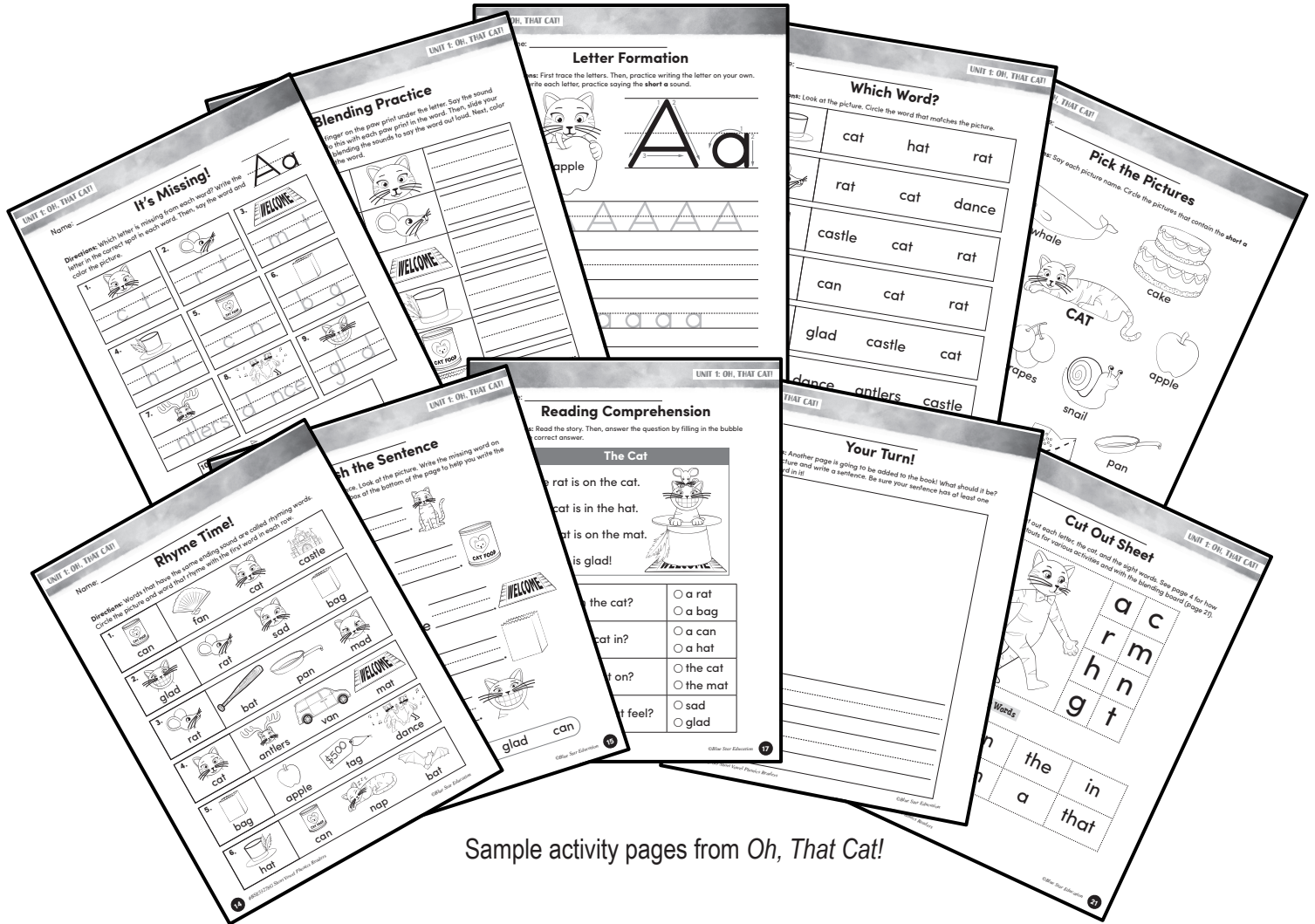
In the **Just 4 Fun!** section, additional optional activities are included for students to complete, using activity sheets from the Student Activities Resource Book. Students can use their creativity and imaginations to color a new page for the book and/or design an additional page for the book.





# The Student Activities Resource

This 240-page resource includes 15 pages of phonics skills practice for each reader!



Sample activity pages from Oh, That Cat!

## Multiple Pages for Multiple Skills

- Picture-word match
- Letter practice
- Word-sound identification
- Reading comprehension
- Sentence building
- High-frequency word practice
- Rhyming words
- Story writing extensions
- ...and more!

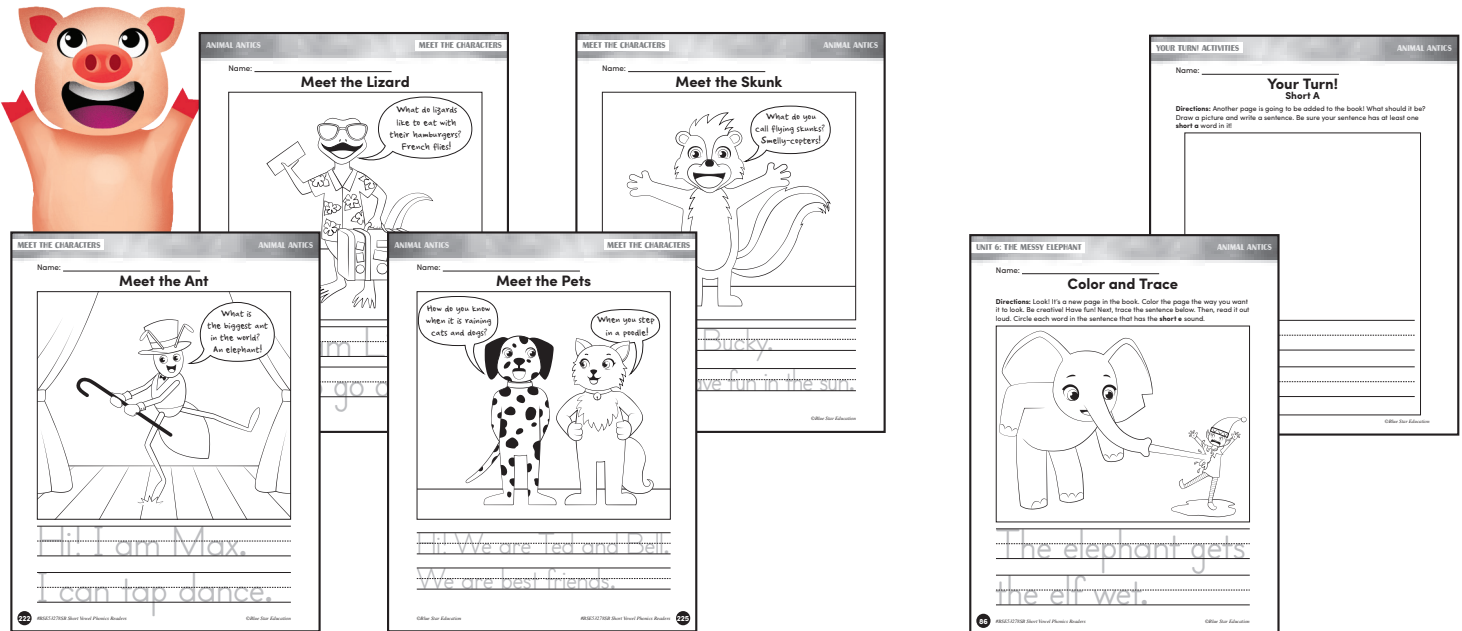




# Extensions & Standards

## MEET THE CHARACTERS

## JUST FOR FUN!



Additional activities connect students with the characters and the content of each reader.

Students practice reading comprehension skills as they create and share their own book pages.

## Meeting Standards

The following standards apply to all 15 units!

### Kindergarten

#### Reading Literature

- With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.
- With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).
- Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.

#### Reading Foundational Skills

- Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.
- Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).
- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- Read emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding.

#### Language

- Print many upper- and lowercase letters.
- Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs.
- Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).
- Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.
- Identify new meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately.
- Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.

### First Grade

#### Reading Literature

- Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.

#### Reading Foundational Skills

- Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.
- Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).
- Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

#### Language

- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on *grade 1 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.



## UNIT 2: THE WACKY ANT

## ANIMAL ANTICS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Color and Trace

**Directions:** Look! It's a new page in the book. Color the way you want it to look. Be creative! Have fun! Next, trace the sentence below. Then, read it out loud. Circle each word in the sentence that has the **short a** sound.



The ant dances  
on a cat in a hat.

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## UNIT 3: THAT BUSY BAT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Let's Blend

**Directions:** Read the word. Write each letter sound in the three boxes. Tap each dot as you say the sound out loud. Then, write the word on the line. Slide your finger along the arrow as you blend the sounds together to say the word out loud.

1.

bat



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\_\_\_\_\_

2.

jam



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3.

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4.

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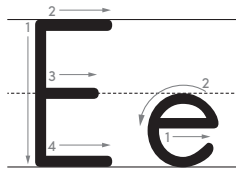
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## UNIT 6: THE MESSY ELEPHANT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Forming More E's

**Directions:** First trace the letters with your fingers. Next, trace them with your pencil. Then, practice writing the letters on your own. As you write each letter, practice saying the **short e** sound.



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## UNIT 6: THE MESSY ELEPHANT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Bedtime!

**Directions:** The elephant needs his rest—he's so tired! Can you help him make his way through the mess to get to his bed? Help him find his way through the mess by coloring the words that have the **short e** sound.



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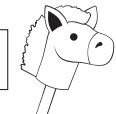
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vest



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elephant



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bed



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### UNIT 7: THE LITTLE LIZARD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reading Comprehension

**Directions:** Read the story. Then, answer each question by filling in the bubble next to the correct answer.

### The Lizard

The lizard has a wig.

The lizard takes a swim.

The lizard gets a tin.

The lizard sees a fish.



1. What does the lizard have on his head?	<input type="radio"/> a wig <input type="radio"/> a pig
2. What does the lizard do?	<input type="radio"/> takes a trip <input type="radio"/> takes a swim
3. What does the lizard get?	<input type="radio"/> a kit <input type="radio"/> a tin
4. What does the lizard see?	<input type="radio"/> a fish <input type="radio"/> a ship

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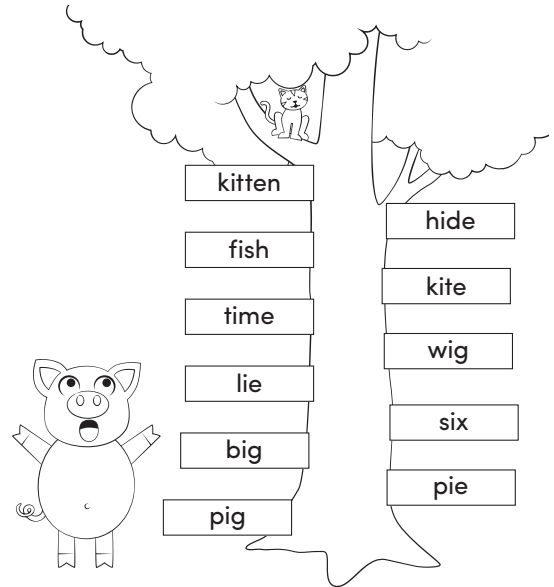
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### UNIT 8: SIX LITTLE PIGS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pig to the Rescue!

**Directions:** The pig's kitten is stuck in the tree! Help the pig rescue the kitten by coloring the words that have the **short i** sound. The pig will climb the **short i** words to save the kitten!



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## UNIT 9: THE BIG, BIG HIPPO

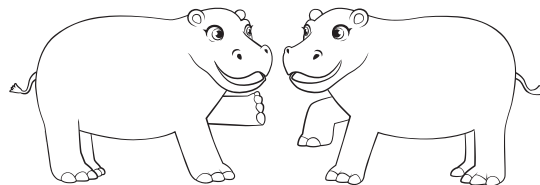
## ANIMAL ANTICS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Fun

**Directions:** Circle the words that belong to each word family.

Word Family			
<b>-ig</b>	big	win	bib
	fit	pig	wig
<b>-ip</b>	sit	flip	hip
	dip	twin	dig
<b>-ix</b>	swim	fix	pin
	grin	six	mix



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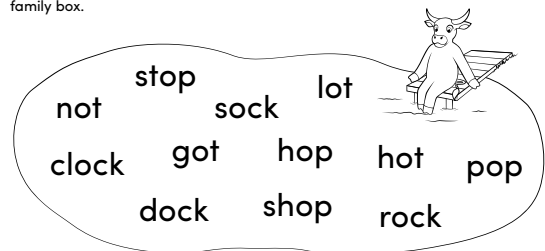
## UNIT 12: STOP THAT OX!

## ANIMAL ANTICS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stop at the Pond

**Directions:** Ox stopped at the pond. Help Ox sort the words in the pond into their word family boxes. Write each word in the pond on the line in the correct word family box.



<b>-op</b>	<b>-ock</b>	<b>-ot</b>
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____	4. _____

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