

Phase 2 Phonics Pirate-Themed CVC Word Maker Busy Bag

Activity Guide

You will need:

- Pirate CVC Word Maker
- laminator (optional)

The Activity

- Cut out the letter cards. You may wish to laminate the pirate-themed mat and the letter cards to make them more durable.
- Depending on which letter sounds your child knows, lay out a selection of letter cards from the pack. Include vowels so that your child can use them to spell three-letter words later. Include one or two new letters for your child to learn too. Don't overwhelm your child by putting too many letters out initially.
- With your child, identify the letter sound of each of the cards. Try to avoid saying 'uh' at the end of each letter sound. Try to keep the sounds you say short and crisp.
- Allow your child time to explore the letters and make a three-letter word by placing letter cards on to the pirate-themed mat. It may help your child if you place a vowel in the centre space. Your child can add two letters either side and sound out the word they have made.
- Encourage your child by praising their reading and the new words they are making. Allow your child to continue for as long as they are enjoying the activity, then allow them to play elsewhere. The activity should be fun for your child so avoid continuing the activity once their attention has faded. Your child may come back to the activity after a break, or revisit it another day.

