



u



short u, as in umbrella

Say the three sounds, slide them together, then check the picture. Cut along the dashed lines for flash cards.



bug



hug



mug



rug



jug



tug



dug



pug



sun



run



bun



cut



hut



nut



cub



tub



rub



sub



gum



bus



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Every word here has the short u sound, /u/ as in umbrella. Start with the word families; save the stretch words for late kindergarten and 1st grade.

Word families change the first sound, keep the ending

-ug	bug	hug	mug	rug	jug	tug	dug	pug
-un	sun	run	fun	bun	nun	pun		
-ub	cub	tub	rub	sub	hub			
-ut, -ud	cut	hut	nut	but	mud	bud		
-um, -up, -us	gum	hum	yum	sum	cup	pup	bus	Gus

Words that start with short u

up	us	upset	unzip	unpack	unlock	unplug
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Stretch words blends and digraphs, late K and 1st grade

-uck, -ump	duck	luck	truck	stuck	jump	bump	pump	thump
-ush, -ust	rush	hush	brush	crush	must	dust	just	crust
-ung, -unk	sung	hung	stung	swung	bunk	junk	trunk	skunk
blends	drum	plum	plug	slug	snug	club	grub	scrub
digraphs	shut	much	such	chug	thud	lunch	bunch	munch
long words	sunset	bathtub	dustpan	suntan	gumdrop			

Read it out loud

1. The **bug** is in the **mud**.
2. A **pup** can **run** in the **sun**.
3. The **cup** is on the **rug**.
4. **Bud** **dug** **up** a **nut**.
5. The **duck** is **stuck** in the **mud**.

Watch out, these have a u but not the short u sound: put, push, pull, full u says /oo/ as in book
cube, cute magic e makes u long fur, turn the r changes the u



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