

Reading Words with Short "u"



You're reading with...



the antelope!

Getting Ready - A Broad View of the Landscape Before You Begin



Just think, it was only a short time ago that your reader was learning the names of the letters. Now, you are teaching words that contain the last short vowel sound - the "u". You've been giving your student lots of praise, and you deserve some yourself. This is teamwork, at its best, and you'll soon find out that teamwork is the subject of our fifth power reader.

Turn to *The Reading Place*, page 63, entitled "Reading Words with Short 'u'". Read the poem on the cover page of this new section and get your safari mate prepared for a fun expedition. Turn the page and, methodically, read one list of words at a time. Master each list before attempting the next list. The key to your reader's success is to build each new skill slowly, but properly, upon the old ones. After all of the words with short "u" have been mastered, learn the sight words that are included in this expedition and complete the practice sentences. When your reader has achieved mastery of the word lists for short "u", he or she will enjoy reading Power Reader 5, entitled *Gus the Bus*. Find out what a little teamwork can do for a friend in a bit of a predicament.



Tour Guide's Note: The Power Reader for short "u" may be somewhat lengthy for your safari mate to attempt in one sitting. Don't be concerned about the speed with which your child masters the Power Readers. Read a few pages at a time and find a pace for each learning session that is appropriate for your reader.

Taking a Closer Look - Sample Dialogue to Help Direct Your Course

Tour Guide: "Before we begin this next expedition, let's go count your stickers on the Safari Success Trail. You have 17 stickers! Super reading! You've read all of the words using the short sounds of 'a', 'e', 'i', and 'o'. We only have one more short vowel to learn. Do you know which one we have missed?"

Reader: "u"

Tour Guide: "Good detective work! What does the short 'u' sound say?"

Reader: "It says 'uh'."

Tour Guide: "Yes! When you finish this expedition, you'll know how to read words with all of the vowels. Let's clap for you! Stand up and take a bow! Now, let's get to work reading those words with short 'u'. There's a new and fun story waiting for us at the end of our expedition!"





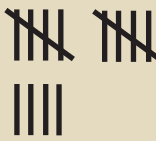

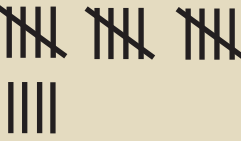
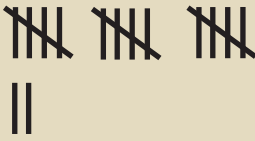
Hunters have always treasured beautiful antelope horns. Unfortunately, hunting certain kinds of antelope have left some kinds of antelope endangered. There are more antelope in Africa, however, than anywhere else in the world.



**More Fun...
for Friends**

Play Pick Six!

Pick six letters (upper and lower case) and put them inside boxes drawn on a piece of paper or index card. It should look something like this:

f F 	b B 	e E 
w W 	c C 	j J 

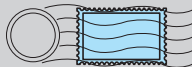
Take the chart to the grocery store or to the mall and put a tally mark in the box for each item seen by your reader that he or she can identify as something that begins with one of the letters on the chart. Another version of this game is to put the five vowels in boxes and ask your reader to find items containing each of the five vowel sounds. (You may want to limit the chart to two letters for a very young child.) Plan a special treat for reaching a designated (and achievable) number of items found. This is a great idea for long rides in the car as well!



Dear Safari Friends,

You're almost ready to read with the rhinos, but you'll need to review with the antelopes one more time. Re-read all of the words you've mastered in *The Reading Place* from Expeditions 14-18. You're learning as fast as a cheetah!

Good job!



What You'll Need to Pack for the Safari



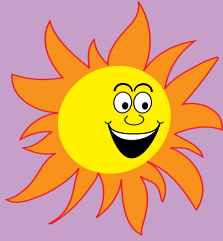
You will need *The Reading Place* (pages 63-67), Power Reader 5 entitled, *Gus the Bus*, and dozens of kind words and teamwork.

Results to Achieve During Your Expedition



The reader will read all of the words containing the short sound of "u" and the sight words that are listed in *The Reading Place*. He or she will also read Power Reader 5 entitled, *Gus the Bus*.

Jungle Journal	
Accomplished with Excellence	Expedition Activities:
	Reader reads "ul" words correctly
	Reader reads "un" words correctly
	Reader reads "ud" words correctly
	Reader reads "uf" words correctly
	Reader reads "ut" words correctly
	Reader reads "ug" words correctly
	Reader reads "ub" words correctly
	Reader reads "um" words correctly
	Reader reads "up" words correctly
	Reader reads "us" words correctly
	Reader reads "uz" words correctly
	Reader reads sight words for Power Reader 5 correctly
	Reader "makes tracks" with practice sentences on page 67 of <i>The Reading Place</i>
	When all items are mastered on this expedition, it is time to read Power Reader 5
	Reads Power Reader 5 entitled, <i>Gus the Bus</i>
	Completes the section entitled Conversation Station at the back of Power Reader 5
	Reader reviews words from Expeditions 14-18 in <i>The Reading Place</i>
	Reader completes Funsheets (instructions to be read by Tour Guide)
	Reader places a sticker or draws a star on the Safari Success Trail poster, in space number 18



SU__

m z n

tu__



g b x

CU__



p b t

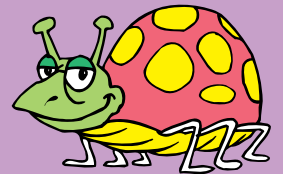
Say the name
of each picture.
Circle the letter
that has the
ending sound of
the name.

hu__



m b t

bu__



g z n

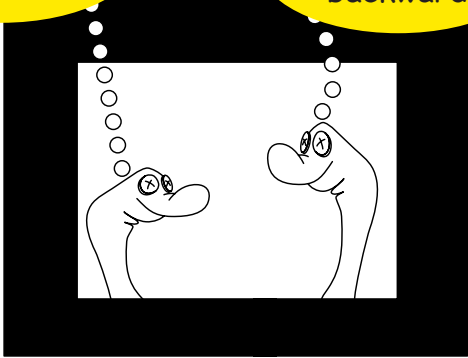
pu__



t n p

I like the words forward

I like the words backward



The letters in the words of the left column are the reverse of the letters in the words of the right column! Draw a line to each word's backward match. Read both words aloud as you match them. The first one is done for you.

gum

gut

tug

pot

sub

tip

top

net

pit

pan

ten

bat

tab

mug

pat

bus

nap

tap

Play Backward - Forward!

Play "On the Prowl for a Vowel"

(A Game for One to One Hundred!)

This listening game can be played with any number of safari mates.

The leader says:

"I'm on the prowl for a vowel. It's a short (or long) vowel, and it is in the word (name of word). What is it?"

The player must guess the vowel. If the answer is correct, he or she gets a reward (penny, jelly bean, point, etc.).

Other rules:

The number of points to be earned is set by the leader at the beginning of play.

This game can be adapted for team play as well. If an incorrect answer is given, the opposing team has the opportunity to gain the point. The team to reach the pre-set target of points wins!

