

## AMC Montessori Short Vowel Bingo Instructions

The purpose of this game is to reinforce monosyllable word recognition of words containing the CVC (consonant vowel consonant) format. Review the **AMC Montessori Short Vowel Master Sheet** to see what words have been selected for use in this game.

The child should have had some practice reading monosyllable words before this game is introduced. For Montessori exercises that you can make yourself which will facilitate this learning, please read **Montessori at Home: A Complete Guide to Teaching Your Preschooler at Home Using the Montessori Method**. You can purchase this book through American Montessori Consulting by visiting <http://www.amonco.org> This game is also meant to be used to reinforce reading activities found in the beginning reading books that you can make with your child. See <http://www.amonco.org> for details.

Consistent with the Montessori Three Period Lesson, you should only review two cards at a time. For example, Cards 1 and 2 contain words with the short **a** and **e** vowel sound. Cards 3 and 4 contains words with the short **i** and **e** vowel sound.

Review the phonics preparatory activities as described in **Montessori at Home: A Complete Guide to Teaching Your Preschooler at Home Using the Montessori Method**. Children should be able to pronounce the sounds associated with each of the consonants (both initial consonant and final consonant). Children should also be able to read a limited amount of monosyllable words, i.e. cat, men, tip, pop and mug They should have some recognition of the (**CVC**) consonant, vowel consonant pattern, i.e. **cat, mat**, etc. This game should also be used with the "Make Your Own Reading Books" set of lesson plans. As previously mentioned, these fun activities that the two of you can do together, are available for online viewing, free of charge by visiting <http://www.amonco.org>

## Preparing for the Game

First, cut out the blue and green checkered patterned circle symbols into squares along the black lines. Next, cut out the short vowel sound cards into squares along the black lines. **Use five sheets of the vowel sound cards provided with this game.** You will have cards reading **short a, short e, short i, short o** and **short u**. Next, place the AMC Short Vowel Bingo Game Cards 1 through 7, the Short Vowel Sound Cards, and the AMC Short Vowel Bingo Master Control Sheet so that they will be close at hand.

Place the blue and green circles into two separate piles. As previously mentioned, Cards 1 and 2 review monosyllable words containing the short **a** and **e** vowel sounds as in **mat, cat, bed** and **met**. Cards 3 and 4 review the **i** and **o** vowel sounds and Cards 5 and 6 review the short **o** and **u** vowel sounds. Cards 7 and 8 provide mixed short **a, e, i, o** and **u** vowel practice *Please note that only nine words appear on each game card, so as not to overwhelm the beginning reader.*

## Playing the Game

Place the AMC Short Vowel Bingo Card 1 and 2, Short Vowel Sound Cards, nine blue circles and nine green circles, and the AMC Short Vowel Bingo Master Control Card Sheet between you and your child. I have chosen, for this example, to designate the green circles for the **short vowel e** and blue for the **short vowel a**.

The purpose of the color distinction is to help the child identify and classify the two different short vowel sounds. (You may elect to use blue for the **short vowel e** and green for the **short vowel a** if you so desire)

Ask your child to select a game card. He will select either the AMC Short Vowel Bingo Card 1 or the AMC Short Vowel Bingo Game Card 2. You will use the remaining one. You will have a total of two cards for the two short vowel sounds you will be reviewing. Take nine of the **short a** and nine of the **short e** cards and shuffle them together. Neatly stack and place this pile of mixed **short a** and **short e cards** between the two of you.

Next, from the pile of short vowel cards, draw the top card. Read the short vowel given. For example, if the card says **short a** both you and your child will search your game cards for words containing this sound. You will each place a blue checkered patterned circle game piece on every **short vowel a** containing word you see on your card. The **AMC Short Vowel Bingo Control Master Sheet** should be consulted so that the child can check his work.

Now, it is your child's turn to select a card from the pile of short vowel cards. Let's assume that **short e** is written on the card he selects. You and your child will search your game cards for words containing the **short vowel e** sound. Encourage him to look at your card as well to see if he can spot any words with the short vowel "e" sound. A green checkered patterned circle game piece will be placed over each **short vowel e** word found on the card. The **AMC Short Vowel Bingo Master Sheet** should be consulted so that the child can check his work.

The game will continue until one of you has either three green game pieces or three blue game pieces appearing on the top, middle or the bottom row.

Let's use Game Card 1 as an example. Game symbol pieces over the words **cat**, **cap** and **ban** constitute a win. Game symbol pieces over the words **Ted**, **bed** and **men** would also constitute a win. These are just some examples. The first person who first gets three identical game symbol pieces in a row wins the game!

After you feel that your child has a good understanding of what **short vowel a** and **short vowel e** words represent, you can proceed on to introducing Cards 3 and 4. These cards focus on **short vowel i and short vowel o sounds**. Before continuing on to Cards 5 and 6 (which contain short vowel sound **o** and **u**) make sure that your child can correctly identify and pronounce short vowel words containing **a**, **e**, and **i**. Review Cards 1 - 6 periodically to make sure that your child

can correctly identify each of the words. Once Cards 1 through 6 have been sufficiently reviewed and your child signals that he is ready for a more comprehensive review, he can proceed onto Cards 7 and 8. If your child still has difficulty reading and pronouncing certain words found on the bingo cards, he will need to spend time reviewing selected cards before continuing on to Cards 7 and 8.

For example, if he is experiencing difficulty distinguishing the sound of the **short vowel i** from the **short vowel o** Cards 3 and 4 would need to be reviewed.

The AMC Montessori Short Vowel Bingo Game should be fun and energizing. Do not use the cards as a drill. Stop, if your child indicates that he wishes to move on to another activity. Only present the game when your child desires to review the words presented. You can supplement this game by constructing additional exercises found in **Montessori at Home: A Complete Guide to Teaching Your Preschooler at Home Using the Montessori Method**.

Your child will probably want to review Cards 1 through 6 to make sure that he can still readily pronounce and identify each of the monosyllable words presented on this card. Once he signals that he is ready, you can proceed on to Cards 7 and 8.

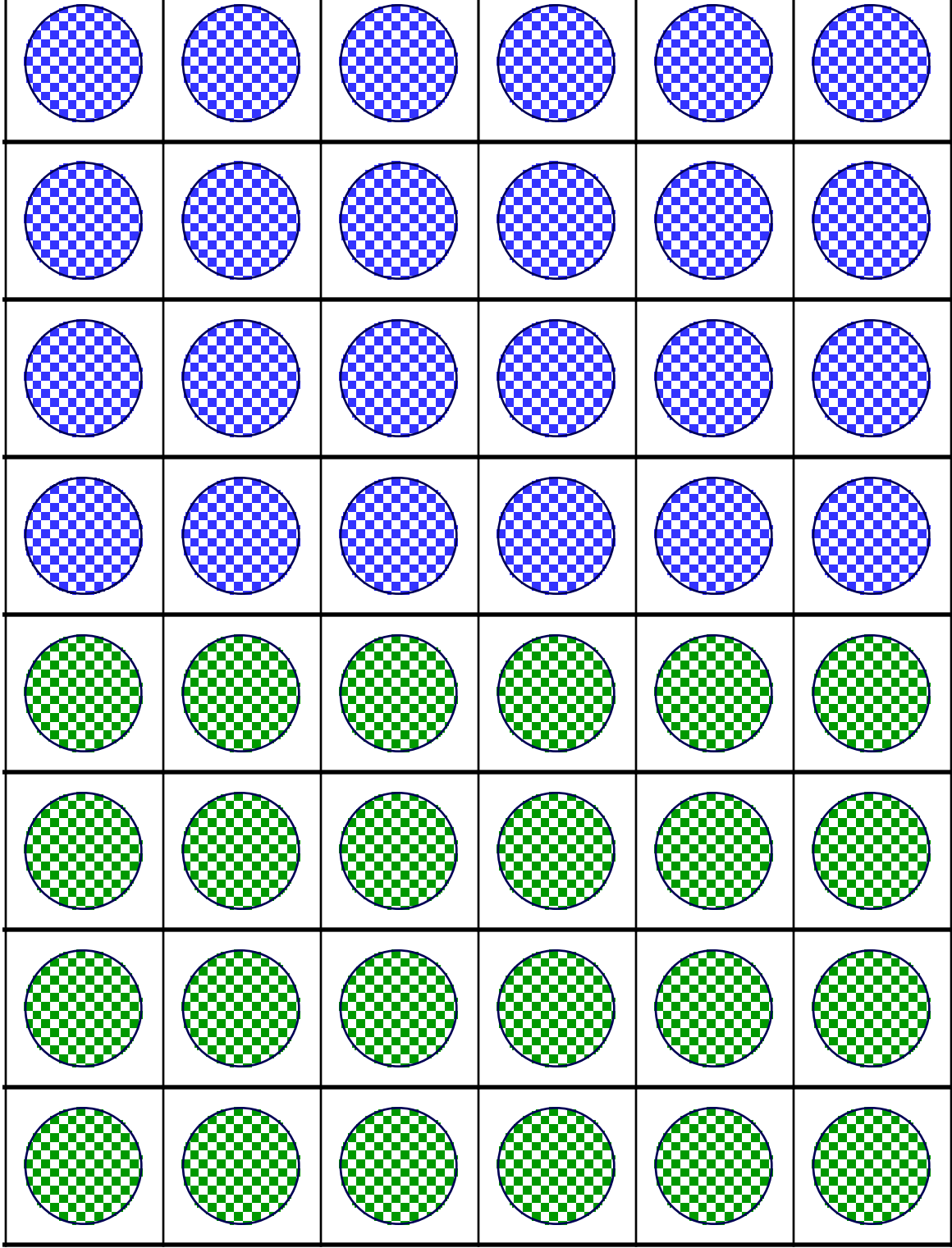
Children often like to spend time reviewing, and this should be encouraged. By the time your child reaches Cards 7 and 8 he will have some basic recognition of the beginning consonant short vowel and final consonant pattern with the vowels containing a, e, i, o and u. By using Cards 7 and 8, he will have the opportunity to identify, compare and contrast **a, e, i, o** and **u** monosyllable words. Once again, the first person who has three identical game pieces in a row wins the game!

**A free template is provided with this game so that you can make additional bingo cards. You will want to add the additional monosyllable words that you select for the bingo cards to the master control sheet as well.**

Be sure to print out the short vowel game pieces listed on the next page. Download all of the requested .pdf materials for this game by visiting <http://www.amonco.org>

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