

NEIGHBORHOOD



Around the Town

Come along and play! This collection of games for 2–3 partners uses everyday words and names to develop phonemic awareness, phonics, and spelling skills.

Materials

- ARTHUR art (pages 10-12)
- small index cards

Preparation

Make several sets of vowel-sound picture cards (see list below) using ARTHUR art. Designate one set for display and show the cards in alphabetical order for easy reference. For Game 1, copy 2 sets of 8 different cards.

Take It Further

Have students create additional sorting or matching games, adding hand-drawn picture cards as needed.



Arthur Books

- Arthur's Neighborhood* ★
- Arthur's Reading Race* ★
- Arthur's Really Helpful Word Book* ★

Read All About It

- Ape in a Cape*, Fritz Eichenberg
- The Cake That Mack Ate*, Rose Robert
- Ten Cats Have Hats*, Jean Marzollo

Directions

Game 1: Picture Memory

To start, players shuffle 2 sets of 8 different cards and place the 16 cards facedown in rows.

Players then take turns flipping over 2 cards at a time. If the pictures match, the player keeps the cards and takes another turn. If the pictures don't match, the cards are returned to their positions, and the next player has a turn. Play continues until all cards are matched.

Game 2: Sound Memory

To start, players select the 16 long vowel picture cards. Shuffle the cards and place them facedown. Play proceeds as in Picture Memory, with players matching any 2 pictures with the same vowel sound.

Variation: use the 12 long- and short- *a* vowel pictures to match.

Game 3: Vowel Lineup

To start, have players select the 17 short-vowel picture cards. Using *Dad*, *Mom*, and *cup* as key pictures for short vowels *a*, *o*, and *u*, have players take turns placing the remaining cards under the correct row.

Players check their choices by listening carefully as they read all the pictures in a row.

Variation: use the 16 long vowel pictures, with *Kate*, *trees*, and *bike* as key pictures, or the 12 long- and short-*a* pictures, with *Dad* and *Kate* as key pictures.

Vowel-Sound Picture Cards

short a	short o	short u	long a	long e	long i
Dad	Mom	Buster	Kate	trees	slide
jacks	box	bus	cake	jeep	mice
cap	clock	tub	skates	easel	ice
plants	mop	cup	^{THE} Brain	leaf	bike
Pal	blocks	truck	pail		kite
apples		rug	X-ray		pie