

SHORT VOWEL: TEAM BOOKS

Read, write, cut, glue, and color! This project gives your child practice writing short vowel words as he makes five Team Books—one for each vowel. Part of their appeal is that he gets to help create them!

What You Need:

Paper or cardstock, construction paper, large writing paper (page 36), soft-lead colored pencils, scissors, pen, glue, Short Vowel Pictures—small (page 36), hole punch, yarn

To Prepare:

1. To make the pages for each Team Book, cut three 8½- by 11-inch sheets of paper into quarters. You will use ten of these quarter-sheet pieces.
2. Draw or glue ten different *a* Short Vowel Pictures onto the ten pages, one per sheet. Place each image on the upper part of its page, leaving the bottom blank.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to make *e*, *i*, *o*, and *u* Team Books pages.

★ Activity:

Do this project all at once or over several days. Let your child's interest guide the speed of the work.

1. Give your child the Team Book pages in sets. Ask him to look at a picture and say its name. Have him write it on lined paper, using red pencil for consonants and blue pencil for vowels. Instruct him to cut the word out and glue it under the picture on the Team Book page.
2. Suggest he color the picture.
3. When ten pages of the Team Book are completed, cut a construction paper cover, punch the pages, and bind them with yarn. Write "Allen's (child's name) a (or e, i, o, u) Team Book" on the cover. Invite him to decorate it creatively.
4. On another day, give him a different set of Team Book pages. Encourage him to complete one book for each vowel.
5. Read the books together and add them to his library.

