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Crazy Eights! Short Vowel Game Instructions

Two to six players

Object of the game: To use all the cards in your hand by matching short vowel sounds and go out first.

- 1. Shuffle the deck and deal five cards to each player. Have students read their cards to themselves before the game begins. Decide on the order of play.
- 2. Place all the remaining cards in a stack facedown in the middle of the table. This stack will be the Draw pile.
- 3. Turn over the top card and place it face up next to the Draw pile. This will be the Play pile.
- 4. The first player reads this card by pronouncing the sound of the letter printed in red and then reads the word. For example, "a like in ran." If Player 1 has a card that matches the vowel sound, the player places it on top of the pile saying, "a like in cat." If the player does not have a card that matches that vowel sound, the player draws a new card. If the card picked is a match, Player 1 can put it down, if not, the card is kept and the turn is over.
- 5. If a player does not have a match but has a Switch It Card, the player can change the sound being matched. For example, if the Play pile has cat on top and the player has hop, pot, and tub, a Switch It Card could be used to change the vowel to o as in hop and the hop card becomes the new card on top of the Play pile.
- 6. If the player does not have a match but has a Skip It Card, it can be put down. Play continues using the short vowel sound of the word before the Skip It Card.
- 7. Players take turns matching vowel sounds and reading the words aloud. If necessary, shuffle the Play pile, turn it over, and continue playing until someone is out of cards.
- 8. The first player to have no cards left is the winner.