



CVC
Quick-Fire
Relay Sampler
Short 'e' Sounds

Short 'e' CVC Quick-Fire Team Relay Sampler

A fast-paced classroom resource designed to reinforce the words and phonics patterns introduced in the Phonics Playmakers™ CVC Spin Game & Toolkit.

Perfect for whole-class teaching, intervention groups or filling a 10–15-minute learning slot.

- Divide students into 2 teams. Prepare magnets/markers.
- The teams will take turns to compete in a relay race in 4 stages.
- This sample set contains 6 Short 'e' CVC words. It is a simplified introduction to our Quick-Fire Relay Games.

How to Play

● Stage 1 – Picture Relay

Listen → Find the Picture

Children hear the word and race to locate the matching picture. Circle with a marker or place a magnet.

● Stage 2 – Connect the Sounds

Blend the Parts

Children connect the onset and rime to build the dictated word.

● Stage 3 – Word & Picture Match

Picture → Word

Children match the picture to the correct written word.

● Stage 4 – Word Grid Challenge

Listen → Find the Word

The teacher dictates a word from the 6-word grid, and one child from each team races to locate it.

Circle with a marker or place a magnet.

● Teacher's Choice – 3 Blank Activity Templates

Tip: Use the picture grids to practice sounding out the words.



Why It Works

- Fast-paced repetition keeps every child actively involved.
- Different card layouts encourage children to search independently rather than copy others.
- Team relay play promotes collaboration, communication and healthy competition.
- Repeated exposure to the same words in different activities helps build confidence and fluency.

Teaching Tip

The activities become progressively more challenging as children move from pictures, to sound blending, to whole-word recognition. The same carefully selected vocabulary appears in each stage, giving children repeated opportunities to strengthen their phonics knowledge in different ways.

Flexible Classroom Use

Designed for more than whole-class relay races.

Print the activity grids for use as:

- Teacher-led bingo
- Pair races
- Small-group competitions
- One-to-one intervention
- Table-top phonics games
- Fast finishers
- Learning centres





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bed

hen

net

red

ten

vet

● Stage 1 – Picture Relay



● Stage 2 – Connect the Sounds

	d t	e n
	b h	e d
	n m	e t



	m n	e t
	t d	e n
	h b	e d

Stage 3 – Word & Picture Match

net •



bed •



ten •



ten •



net •



bed •



Stage 4 – Word Grid Challenge



red	vet	bed
hen	ten	net

vet	net	bed
red	ten	hen

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