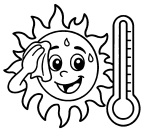
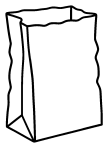
Short Vowel Word Ladder

Start at the bottom. Say the picture, change one letter to write the new word for the picture above it.





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Start here ↑

Short Vowel Word Ladder Answer Key

For the grown-up. How to climb the ladder with your child, and every rung with the letter that changes on it marked.

How to climb it

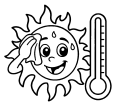
1. **Adult and kid** read the bottom word together. That one is given, so nobody has to guess where to start.
2. **Kid** says the next picture up. **Adult** says both words — *sun … bun* — and asks which sound changed.
3. **Kid** writes the whole word, not just the letter that changed. Then climbs to the next rung.

If a rung stalls, say the two words slowly rather than naming the letter. Hearing the swap is the exercise; the spelling follows it.

map

mop

hop

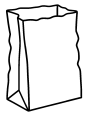


hot

hat

cat

bat



bag

given on the sheet

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