

Instructions: Print on cardstock and laminate.

To use the Vowel Tree: Have the child take two consonants from the movable alphabet (or write two of them on small pieces of paper).

Place one consonant in front of the letter "a" and one after. Have the child say the word that is formed, combining the first two letters into one blended sound.

Then have them slide the letters down to the next vowel and say the word. Continue all the way down the tree. For the purposes of this work, they can say a word even if it's a "nonsense" word, just for the practice of saying the vowel sounds.

Some possible beginning and ending consonants are:

b _ d	s_p
b_t	t_p
b g	p_n
j _ m	s_t
f_n	m_t
m_d	s_m
h_m	t_n
r _ g	1 _ t
b _ n	h_t
r_t	r_n
r _ d	c_t

Once the child has mastered short vowel words, they can use the chart with "silent e" combinations and long vowel sounds:

l_ore	t_le
t_ack	s_ck
p_ne	m_re
m ne	m le
r_de	1_{ke}
1 te	t me

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