

Game 13: Watermelon Seed Memory

Skill: Sorting short vowel sound pictures (ö and ü)

Preparation and Assembly

1. **Remove the game materials.** Carefully remove the “Watermelon Seed Memory” game materials found on pages 111–118.
2. **Make the game board.** Glue the two folder game pages (pages 113 and 115) to the inside of a file folder, shirt box, or on poster board.
3. **Game directions.** Cut out the game directions (below) and glue them to the front of the file folder, on the outside of the shirt box, or on the edge of the poster board.
4. **Two game title labels.** Glue one game title label to the file folder tab, on the outside of the shirt box, or on the poster board, and then laminate for durability.
5. **Self-sealing plastic storage bag.** Tape the second game title label on the self-sealing plastic bag and then staple or tape the bag to the front of the file folder, top of the shirt box, or on the edge of the poster board.
6. **Game cards.** Cut out the game cards found on page 117 and laminate for durability. Place the cards in the self-sealing plastic bag. Your game is now ready to play!

Game Objective: The objective is for the child to correctly sort the watermelon seed game cards according to whether the picture on the card has a short /o/ vowel sound or a short /u/ vowel sound.

To Play the Game: Lay all the seed cards face down in four rows of four seeds each. Turn two seed cards over and say the names of the pictures. If they have the same short vowel sound, put them on the watermelon with that sound. If they have different short vowel sounds, turn them over again in the same place. Keep turning over two seed cards at a time and keep putting the matching sound seed cards on the correct watermelon until you have sorted all the seed cards.

To Modify the Game for Struggling Learners: For a child struggling with learning to identify short vowel sounds, have him look at each seed game card, then say the word slowly—segmenting each of the phonemes. This will help the child hear the middle vowel sound. Use only half the cards at first (four /o/ cards and four /u/ cards).

Self-Checking: The back of each watermelon seed game card will show the child the letter of the correct short vowel sound.



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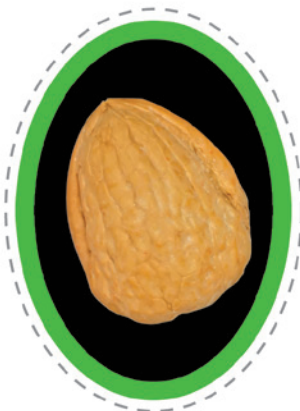
Short /u/ Sound

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(Watermelon Seed Memory Cards)



Watermelon Seed Memory Picture Key: row 1: box, doll, fox, frog row 2: top, pot, mop, socks row 3: bug, drum, truck, bus row 4: nut, jug, rug, tub

