

Name _____

Missing Letter Filler Answer Key

1. cat - cat
2. dog - dog
3. run - run
4. sun - sun
5. book - book
6. play - play
7. green - green
8. happy - happy
9. tree - tree
10. bus - bus

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill focus:**
 - Reinforces letter-sound connections in **CVC**, **CVCC**, and common sight vocabulary.
 - Builds awareness of missing **beginning**, **middle**, and **ending** sounds.
 - Supports accurate spelling of high-utility Grade 1 words.
- **Before the activity:**
 - Model one example on the board, covering a letter in a simple word (for example, c_t) and thinking aloud about which sound is missing.
 - Remind students that every word must be a **real word** they know from reading or speaking.
- **During the activity (differentiation and support):**
 - For emerging readers, say each word slowly and stretch the sounds so students can hear the missing part.
 - Encourage students to tap or clap each sound to help them decide which letters to add.
 - Allow students who need extra support to use an alphabet chart or picture word wall to check spellings.
 - Invite more confident students to work independently, then act as "word checkers" for a partner.