



## Blast Off!



Before starting the game review the short vowel sounds /a/, /e/, and /i/.

### Game Directions:

- Roll the dice.
- Move the correct number of spaces on the gameboard.
- Have the player identify the picture and state whether the word has a short "a" sound (e.g., map), short "e" sound (e.g., net) or short "i" sound (e.g., pig).
- Write the word under the correct column on the writing sort sheet.
- Continue playing until a player reaches the "moon."
- After the game is finished, have students **check** their writing sorts (e.g., read down the columns to make sure each word is in the correct column).

### Variation:

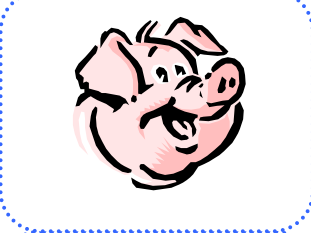
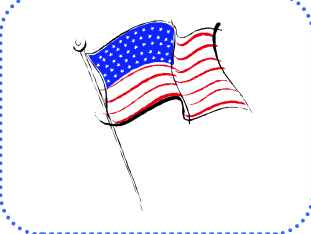
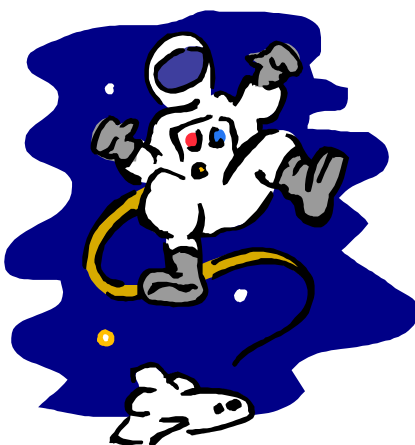
- Have students write the words without the support of the writing sort headers.



Oops!  
You forgot  
the flag.  
Go back 2  
spaces.



Get some  
water.  
Go ahead  
3 spaces.

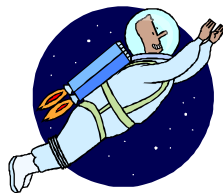
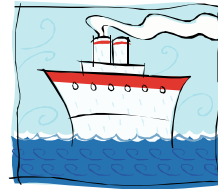
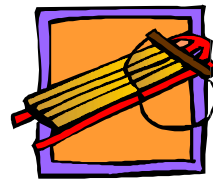


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10, 9, 8, 7, 6,  
5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ...  
BLAST OFF!



Flying is hard work.  
Go back 3 spaces.



# Off!

**YEAH!**  
You are almost  
to the moon.  
Go ahead  
2 spaces.



**You  
made it!**

