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

Get some water. Go ahead 3 spaces.

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ...
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You are almost to the moon. Go ahead 2 spaces.

You made it!