Objective
The student will blend sounds of letters to make words.

Materials
- Vowel Stars (Activity Master P.034.AM1a - P.034.AM1d)
  *Copy on card stock, laminate, and cut.*
- Vis-à-Vis® marker
- Paper
- Pencil

Activity
Students combine vowels with consonant combinations to make words.
1. Place the Vowel Stars face down in a stack at the center. Provide the student with paper and a Vis-à-Vis® marker.
2. The student selects the top card and writes a vowel in the blank using the Vis-à-Vis® marker.
3. Says the sounds of each letter, blends them, and reads the word orally (e.g., “/d//i//g/, dig”).
4. Determines if it is a real word or a nonsense word. If it is a real word records it on the paper.
5. Wipes the vowel off and writes another one.
6. Continue until all cards are used.
7. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Make stars with other consonants (Activity Master P.034.AM2).
- Exchange sheets with another student and compare words.
Vowel Stars

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Materials
- Student sheets (Activity Master P.035.SS1a - P.035.SS1d)
  Choose a target word student sheet.
- Pencil
- Scissors

Activity
Students make new words by manipulating one letter at a time.
1. Provide the student with scissors and a target word student sheet.
2. The student cuts the letters from the bottom of the student sheet and places them in a row.
3. Selects the corresponding letters to make the word on the bottom step. Says the sounds of each letter, blends them, and reads the word orally (e.g., “/t//i//p/, tip”).
4. Exchanges one of the letters to make a new real word. Blends them, and reads the new word (e.g., “/n//i//p/, nip”).
5. Records the word on the next step.
6. Continues until all the steps are filled.
7. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Add letters and/or steps.
- Use other target word steps (Activity Master P.035.SS1a - P.035.SS1d)
- Make word steps with other words (Activity Master P.035.SS2).