Meet Ubby Umbrella

The letter u makes the short sound /u/, like in umbrella.



Say it:

U u

/u/ as in umbrella

Words to read with short u

bug	rug	run	jump
duck	fun	sun	cub
tub	dug	dust	pup

Helper words you will see

the a is in on up and can has had

Warm-up for parents and teachers
Say /u/ together 3 times. Then read the 12 words, one at a time.
Ready? Turn the page for the first pyramid!

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Short U: Pyramid 1

Read each line. Each line adds one word. Then read the whole sentence!



Ubby Umbrella says /u/

Pyramid 1 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. The
2. The bug
3. The bug is
4. The bug is on
5. The bug is on a
6. The bug is on a rug.

Read it to a stuffed animal or a friend!

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Short U: Pyramid 2

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ubby Umbrella says /u/

Pyramid 2 of 9

Read it 3 times

Color a star each time

1. Gus
2. Gus can
3. Gus can run
4. Gus can run and
5. Gus can run and jump.

Point to each word. Read the new word, then read the whole line again.

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Short U: Pyramid 3

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ubby Umbrella says /u/

Pyramid 3 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. The
2. The duck
3. The duck had
4. The duck had fun
5. The duck had fun in
6. The duck had fun in the
7. The duck had fun in the sun.

Read it in a whisper voice, then in a loud voice!

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Short U: Pyramid 4

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ubby Umbrella says /u/

Pyramid 4 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. A
2. A cub
3. A cub is
4. A cub is in
5. A cub is in a
6. A cub is in a tub.

Find the colored vowel in each word and say its sound.

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Short U: Pyramid 5

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ubby Umbrella says /u/

Pyramid 5 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. Bud
2. Bud and
3. Bud and Gus
4. Bud and Gus dug
5. Bud and Gus dug in
6. Bud and Gus dug in the
7. Bud and Gus dug in the dust.

Clap once for each word in the last line.

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Short U: Pyramid 6

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ubby Umbrella says /u/

Pyramid 6 of 9

Read it 3 times

Color a star each time

1. The
2. The pup
3. The pup can
4. The pup can tug
5. The pup can tug a
6. The pup can tug a cup.

Read it to a stuffed animal or a friend!

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Short U: Pyramid 7

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ubby Umbrella says /u/

Pyramid 7 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. The
2. The bus
3. The bus is
4. The bus is stuck
5. The bus is stuck in
6. The bus is stuck in the
7. The bus is stuck in the mud.

Point to each word. Read the new word, then read the whole line again.

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Short U: Pyramid 8

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ubby Umbrella says /u/

Pyramid 8 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. Gus
2. Gus has
3. Gus has a
4. Gus has a bun
5. Gus has a bun and
6. Gus has a bun and a
7. Gus has a bun and a nut.

Read it in a whisper voice, then in a loud voice!

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Short U: Pyramid 9

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ubby Umbrella says /u/

Pyramid 9 of 9

Read it 3 times

Color a star each time

1. The
2. The ducks
3. The ducks jump
4. The ducks jump up
5. The ducks jump up and
6. The ducks jump up and hum.

Find the colored vowel in each word and say its sound.

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