

Name:

Vowels



There are two kinds of letters: vowels and consonants.

In English, the vowels are a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes y.











The consonants are all the other letters like b, c, d, f, g, etc.

Write a **v** above each **vowel** in the words below.

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In English, there are two main vowel sounds: **short** and **long**.

Here are examples of the short and long sounds for each vowel:

	Short vowels say their sound.	Long vowels say their name.
a	 apple	 ace
e	 edge	 eagle
i	 it	 ice
o	 ox	 ocean
u	 up	 unicorn

We use these symbols: $\overset{\sim}{}$ and $\overset{-}{}$ to show short and long vowel sounds.

$\overset{\sim}{}$ stands for a short vowel sound (like in hăť, pět, wĭn, gőt and tŭb).

$\overset{-}{}$ stands for a long vowel sound (like in hāte, Pēte, wīne, gō, and tŭbe).

When a vowel sound is short, you hear the vowel's **sound**.

When the vowel sound is long, you hear the vowel's **letter name**.