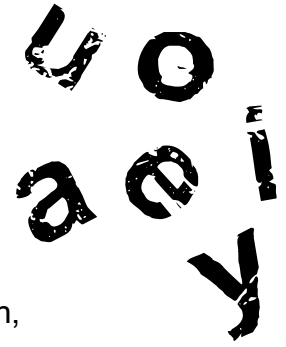


Name:

Vowels



When we read longer words, often the vowels are the hard part.











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 \checkmark above the vowels in the words below.

$\checkmark\checkmark$ coach military grandmother sweet gain

- Vowels have short \checkmark and long \bar sounds.
- We use the symbols \checkmark and \bar to show short and long vowel sounds.
- \checkmark stands for a short vowel sound (like in hăť, pět, fĭn, gŏť and tŭb).
- \bar stands for a long vowel sound (like in hāte, Pēte, fĭne, gō, and tŭbe).

	Short vowels say their sound.	Long vowels say their name.
a	 apple	 āce
e	 ědge	 ēagle
i	 ĭť	 ĭce
o	 ŏx	 ōcean
u	 ŭp	 ūnicorn

Vowels, continued

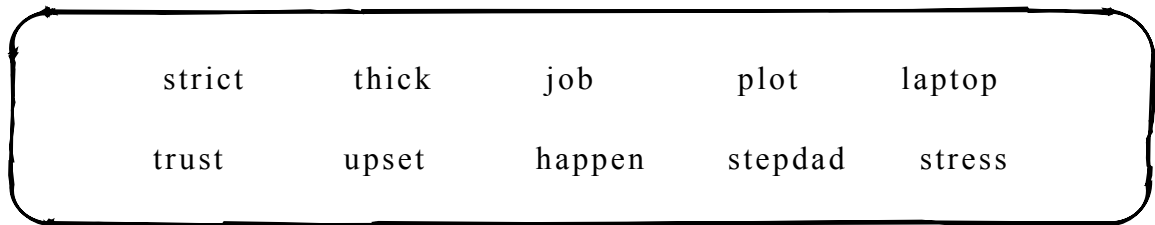
When a vowel sound is short, you hear the vowel's **sound**, like in the word, "băt."

Short vowels often use just one letter for their sound and have a consonant after one vowel, e.g. "bat.



Below are some more words with short vowels.

Read the words and put a short symbol ˘ above the short vowels.



When the vowel sound is long, you hear the vowel's **letter** name, like the E in the word "tēe."

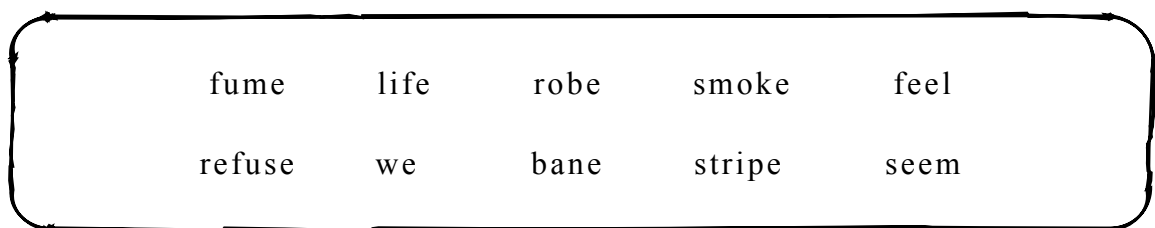
Long vowel sounds can have tricky spelling. In "tee," the long vowel sound ē is spelled with double ee. Other times, like for "hi" or "go," the long vowel sound is spelled with just one letter.



Some long vowel sounds are spelled with a silent "e" like "game," "cope," or "Mike."

Long vowels can also be spelled with two vowels together in a team, like "coach" and "dream." We'll study those later.

Below are some more words with long vowel sounds. Read the words and put a long symbol ˉ above the long vowels.



Short or long?

Cut up the words on the next page.

Sort the words into two lists: short vowel words and long vowel words.

Look for the pattern CVC. These are the short vowel words like **bat**.

Look for the pattern CV, VV, or CVC + e. These are the long vowel words like **tee**.



Short vowel sounds

shrug



Long vowel sounds

knee

cute

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foam	yap	sweep	chain
slat	blaze	twist	hose
rack	slip	yo	shed
bead	rack	shade	tine

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