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Vowel teams



There are two kinds of letters: vowels and consonants.

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








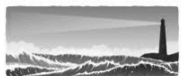


The consonants are all the other letters like b, c, d, f, g, etc.

Write a \checkmark above each **vowel** in the words below.

Baghdad Iraq sweet gain troops

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: \checkmark and \bar to show short and long vowel sounds.

\checkmark stands for a short vowel sound (like in hăť, pět, wĭn, gőt and tŭb).

\bar stands for a long vowel sound (like in hāte, Pēte, wĭne, 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**.

Vowel teams, continued

Say each word below. Do you hear a long vowel (say its name) or a short vowel sound?

Use the symbol $\bar{\text{}}$ when you hear a long vowel and use the symbol ~ when you heard a short vowel sound. The first one has been done for you.

$\bar{\text{f}}$ act	day	leg	tree	hit	night
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In many of the words you read, you will see two vowels together:

heat	aid
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We call some vv combinations “vowel teams.” We call them teams because they make one sound together.

Some vowel teams in English are:

ai	ee	oa	ue	ay	ea
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When you see the vv teams

ai	ee	oa	ue	ay	ea
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 usually the first vowel sound is long and the second vowel is silent—you don’t hear it.

Underline the vowel team in the words below.

Mark the first vowel in the team long $\bar{\text{}}$.

Put a slash / through the second vowel that is silent.

Now read the words out loud to your partner.

$\bar{\text{r}}$ <u>o</u> am	teem	hail	flay	hue
beast	staid	cue	goad	fleet

I did this.