

Long and Short Vowels

When a **vowel** sound likes its name, this is called a **long sound**.

The five vowels of the English spelling system ('a', 'e,' 'i,' 'o,' and 'u') each have a corresponding long vowel sound /eɪ/, /i:/, /ɑɪ/, /oʊ/, /yu/.

The most common sound for each vowel if its “short” sound:

ă, pronounced /æ/ as in apple, pan, or mat,

ě, pronounced /ɛ/ as in elephant, pen, or met,

ĩ, pronounced /ɪ/ as in insect, pin, or mitt,

õ, pronounced /ɑ/ as in octopus, ostrich, upon, or motto,

and ů, pronounced /ʌ/ as in umbrella, pun, or mutt.



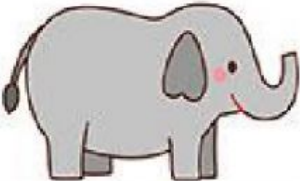







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SHORT

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LONG

a 	a 
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Choose the image which has used a long vowel sound.
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Long A (ā), pronounced /eɪ/



Long E (ē), pronounced /i:/



Long I (ī), pronounced /aɪ/



Long O (ō), pronounced /oʊ/



Long U (ū), pronounced /ju:/



Choose the image which has used a short vowel sound.
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ă, pronounced /æ/



ě, pronounced /ɛ/



ĩ, pronounced /ɪ/



õ, pronounced /a/



ũ, pronounced /ʌ/



Good luck!!