

Long and Short Vowels

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

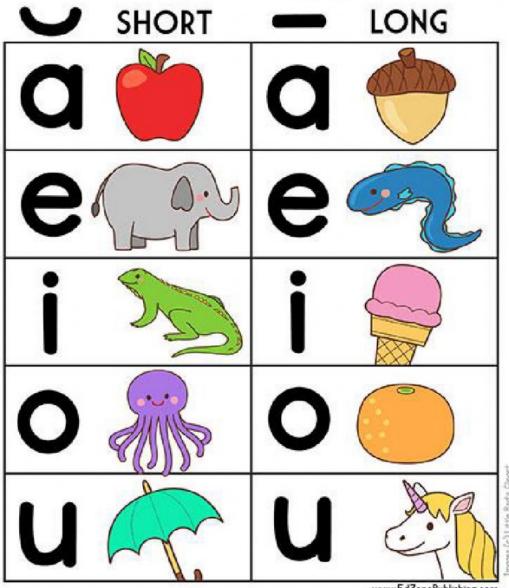
The five vowels of the English spelling system ('a', 'e,' 'i,' 'o,' and 'u') each have a corresponding long vowel sound /eɪ/, /i/, /ɑɪ/, /oʊ/, /yu/.

The most common sound for each vowel if its "short" sound:

- ă, pronounced /æ/ as in apple, pan, or mat,
- ĕ, pronounced /ɛ/ as in elephant, pen, or met,
- ĭ, pronounced /ı/ as in insect, pin, or mitt,
- ŏ, pronounced /a/ as in octopus, ostrich, upon, or motto, and ŭ, pronounced /ʌ/ as in umbrella, pun, or mutt.

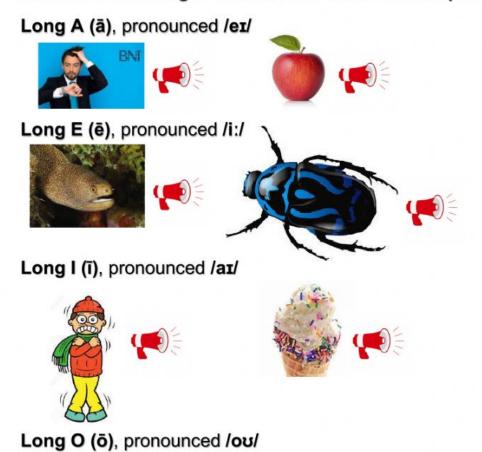






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Choose the image which has used a long vowel sound. Click over the image. Listen to the word on the speaker.





Long U (ū), pronounced /ju:/









Choose the image which has used a short vowel sound. Click over the image. Listen to the word on the speaker.

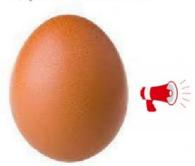
ă, pronounced /æ/







ĕ, pronounced /ε/







ĭ, pronounced /1/









$\check{\mathbf{o}}$, pronounced / \mathbf{a} /







ŭ, pronounced /∧/









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