

SHORT VOWELS

What are short vowels?

In English, vowels do not always sound like Spanish vowels. Short vowels are **quick and short** sounds.

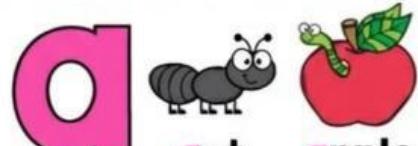
The same letter can have **different sounds** in different words.

In this guide, we learn five short vowel sounds.

1. /æ/ → short A

Examples: cat, bag, apple, man

Example: cat /kæt/



2. /e/ → short E

Examples: bed, pen, red, ten

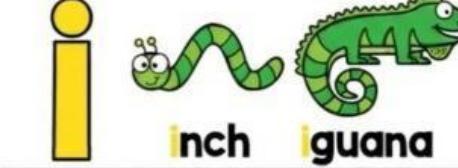
Example: bed /bed/



3. /ɪ/ → short I

Examples: sit, big, fish, milk

Example: sit /sɪt/



4. /ɒ/ or /a/ → short O

Examples: hot, dog, box, not

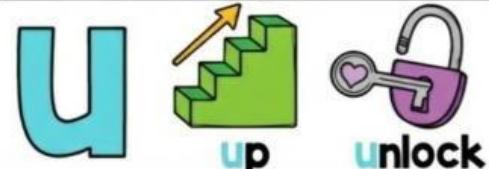
Example: hot /hɒt/



5. /ʌ/ → short U

Examples: cup, bus, sun, money

Example: cup /kʌp/



Exercise 1: Listen and choose the correct vowel sound

1. cat /æ/ /e/ /ɪ/
2. bed /e/ /ʌ/ /ɒ/
3. sit /ɪ/ /æ/ /ʌ/
4. hot /ɒ/ /e/ /ɪ/
5. cup /ʌ/ /æ/ /ɒ/

Exercise 2: Match the word with the vowel sound

1. cat →	<input type="checkbox"/> /ɒ/
2. pen →	<input type="checkbox"/> /ʌ/
3. fish →	<input type="checkbox"/> /ɪ/
4. dog →	<input type="checkbox"/> /æ/
5. sun →	<input type="checkbox"/> /e/

Exercise 3: Classify the words

/æ/: _____, _____

/e/: _____, _____

/ɪ/: _____, _____

/ɒ/: _____, _____

/ʌ/: _____, _____

Words: bag – bed – sit – hot – cup – man – pen – fish – box – sun

Exercise 4: Choose the correct word

1. cat cut
2. bed bad
3. sit seat
4. hot hat
5. cup cap

Exercise 5: Listen and Repeat

Sam has a cat, and the cat is in a bag. Then, Sam puts the cat on the bed. The cat sits, and it looks at Sam. It is a hot day, so the sun is up. Sam has a cup, and the cat drinks a bit. The cat is happy because Sam is kind.