

SHORT VOWELS

What are short vowels?

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

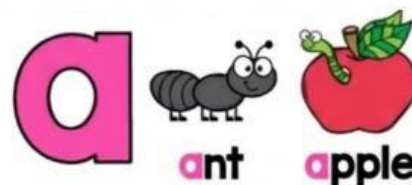
The same letter can have **different sounds** in different words.

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

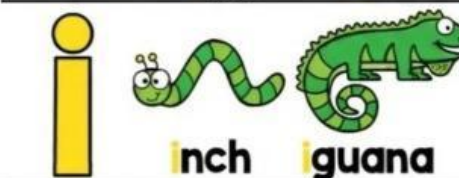
Example: bed /bed/



3. /ɪ/ → short I

Examples: sit, big, fish, milk

Example: sit /sit/



4. /ɒ/ or /ɑ/ → short O

Examples: hot, dog, box, not

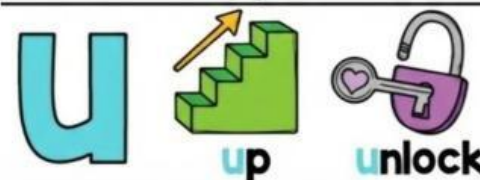
Example: hot /hɒt/



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

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| 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.