

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:/, /aɪ/, /oʊ/, /yʊ/.

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

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

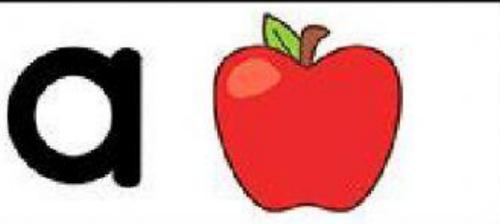
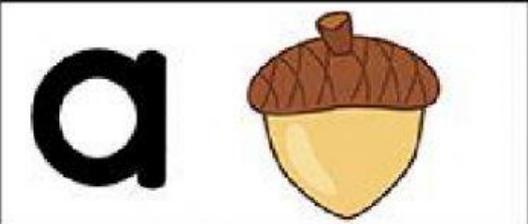
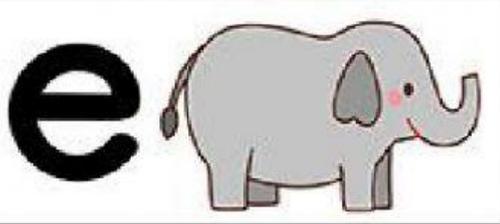
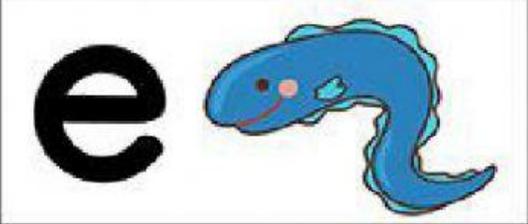
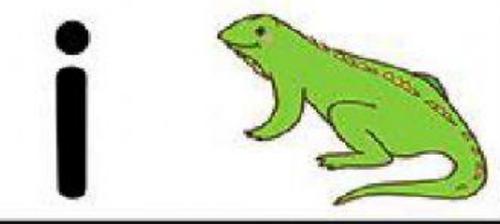
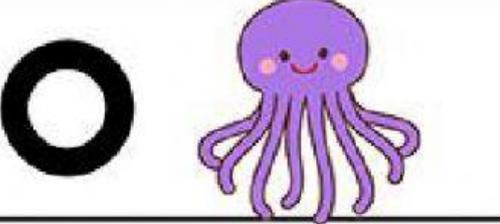
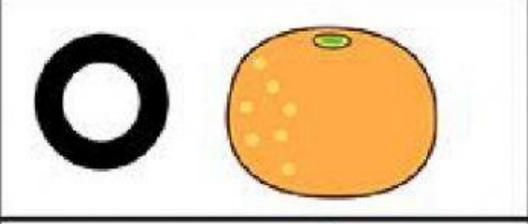
ĕ, pronounced /ɛ/ as in elephant, pen, or met,

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

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

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

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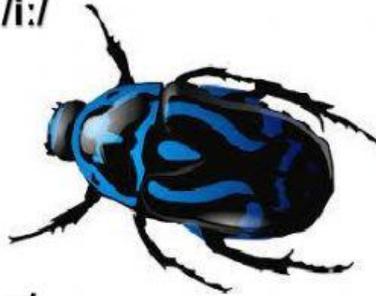
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Choose the image which has used a long vowel sound.
Click over the image. Listen to the word on the speaker.

Long 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.

Click over the image. Listen to the word on the speaker.

ă, pronounced /æ/



ě, pronounced /ɛ/



ĩ, pronounced /ɪ/



ö, pronounced /a/



ü, pronounced /u/



Good luck!!