

Patina · Sounds

The Vowel Sounds

Alphabet A · Short A · Latin A, and the rules that tell you which

Every vowel has more than one sound. **Alphabet A** says its name (cake). **Short A** is cat. **Latin A** is car. The spelling tells you the sound: a **silent E** at the end makes the vowel say its name (cap, cape).

★ the sounds, the rules, which sound? · ★★ add a silent E, odd one out · ★★★ name the sound

★ The sounds

Every vowel has more than one sound. Each sound has a name. Click a word to hear it.

A a Alphabet A play stage player Short A band jazz track Latin A guitar star harp	E e Alphabet E beat speaker key Short E cello metal set Silent E home note phone	I i Alphabet I violin mic microphone Short I sing hit list
O o Alphabet O solo show note Short O sounds like Latin A rock pop concert Double O moon book cool	U u Alphabet U music ukulele use Short U drum trumpet fun	Y y First-letter Y yes yellow year Alphabet Y sounds like Alphabet I my fly why Latin Y sounds like Alphabet E happy city party

In American English, **Short O** sounds like **Latin A**: hot, rock. **Alphabet Y** sounds like Alphabet I (my), and **Latin Y** sounds like Alphabet E (happy).

★ The rules

The spelling tells you the sound. Learn these rules.

1 Short

One vowel and a consonant after it. No E at the end.

cat bed sit hot cup

2 Silent E

An E at the end is silent. It makes the vowel before it say its name.

cap → cape pin → pine hop → hope cut → cute

3 Two vowels together

The first vowel says its name. The second is quiet.

rain play beat boat

4 A vowel at the end

At the end of a short word, the vowel says its name.

go me hi my

5 Latin A

A before R, or A before L, often sounds like Latin A.

car star calm

6 Double O

OO has two sounds. Learn each word.

moon book

7 Y

First letter: yes. End of a short word: my. End of a longer word: happy.

yes my happy

★ Which sound?

Look at the letter in color. Which sound is it? Click one.

1 **stage** 🎧

Alphabet A

Short A

Latin A

2 **jazz** 🎧

Alphabet A

Short A

Latin A

3 **star** 🎧

Alphabet A

Short A

Latin A

4 **beat** 🎧

Alphabet E

Short E

Silent E

5 **metal** 🎧

Alphabet E

Short E

Silent E

6 **note** 🎧

Alphabet E

Short E

Silent E

7 **violin** 🎧

Alphabet I

Short I

8 **sing** 🎧

Alphabet I

Short I

9 **solo** 🎧

Alphabet O

Short O

Double O

10 **rock** 🎧

Alphabet O

Short O

Double O

11 **moon** 🎧

Alphabet O

Short O

Double O

12 **huge** 🎧

Alphabet U

Short U

13 **drum** 🎧

Alphabet U

Short U

14 **yes** 🎧

First-letter Y

Alphabet Y

Latin Y

15 **sky** 🎧

First-letter Y

Alphabet Y

Latin Y

16 **party** 🎧

First-letter Y

Alphabet Y

Latin Y

★★ Add a silent E

Add a silent E. Write the new word. Then say both words.

1 cap 

+ e →

2 pin 

+ e →

3 hop 

+ e →

4 cut 

+ e →

5 kit 

+ e →

6 not 

+ e →

7 tap 

+ e →

8 cub 

+ e →

★★ Odd one out

Three words share a sound. Click the one that is different.

1 band clap star jazz

2 play stage happy game

3 violin mic sing lights

4 rock pop solo concert

5 drum fun music trumpet

6 cello metal beat tempo

7 my fly happy sky

8 moon food hot cool

★★★ Name the sound

Look at the letter in color. Write the name of its sound.

home 

Alphabet E · Short E · Silent E

1

guitar 

Alphabet A · Short A · Latin A

2

fly 

First-letter Y · Alphabet Y · Latin Y

3

book 

Alphabet O · Short O · Double O

4

music 

Alphabet U · Short U

5

city 

First-letter Y · Alphabet Y · Latin Y

6

cello 

Alphabet E · Short E · Silent E

7

rain 

Alphabet A · Short A · Latin A

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