

## The Short Vowel Rule

**Short Vowel Rule:** When there is **one** vowel in a word, either at the beginning or between two consonants, it usually has the short vowel sound.

### 1. Short vowel a words

ant	pan	wag	jam	cat	bad
ax	ran	flag	and	bat	dad
wax	van	cap	band	hat	has
can	gas	map	hand	pat	mad
fan	bag	nap	sand	rat	sad
man	tag	ham	lamp	sat	glass

### 2. Short vowel e words

egg	bed	test	jet	hen	fell
leg	fed	vest	met	men	hell
sled	red	west	net	pen	sell
step	nest	web	pet	ten	well
tent	rest	get	wet	bell	smell

### 3. Short vowel i words

dig	tip	hid	crib	sit	fill
pig	pin	kid	fist	bit	hill
dip	tin	bib	milk	hit	pill
hip	win	fib	silk	pit	will
lip	did	rib	swim	mitt	him

### 4. Short vowel o words

God	hop	stop	jot	fox	cob
nod	mop	cot	not	ox	mob
pod	pop	dot	pot	box	rob
rod	top	got	rot	pox	sob
sod	drop	hot	tot	mom	pond

### 5. Short vowel u words

cub	gun	buzz	dug	tug	bus
tub	run	but	hug	cuff	dump
bud	sun	cut	jug	puff	hump
mud	cup	nut	mug	gum	jump
gull	pup	bug	rug	yum	pump

## The Long Vowel Rule (1)

**Long Vowel Rule (1):** When a word has **two** vowel, usually the **first** vowel says its name and the **second** vowel is silent.

### 1. Long vowel a words

mail	gain	bake	ape	paint	gray
nail	main	cake	tape	day	play
pail	pain	lake	ate	hay	pray
rail	rain	make	hate	lay	stay
sail	train	rake	late	may	stray
tail	mane	take	date	pay	tray
came	vane	pale	gate	say	fade
game	wave	sale	bait	way	made
name	save	whale	wait	clay	grade

### 2. Long vowel e words

sea	seal	fear	beef	wheat	sheep
tea	beam	hear	mEEK	seem	sleep
reach	team	near	seek	seen	deer
teach	bean	bee	feel	teen	feet
beak	mean	tree	heal	green	meet
weak	heap	free	peel	deep	beet
heal	leap	feed	hear	peep	greet
meal	ear	need	meat	weep	key
real	dear	weed	seat	creep	three

### 3. Long vowel i words

hide	bike	dime	vine	pie	dive
ride	like	lime	wipe	tie	five
side	hike	time	pipe	fire	hive
tide	file	chime	ripe	hire	cry
wide	mile	dine	rise	tire	dry
bride	pile	fine	wise	wire	fly
glide	tile	line	size	bite	fry
pride	smile	mine	prize	kite	try
slide	while	pine	die	white	sky

### 4. Long vowel o words

road	coat	hole	rope	stove	grow
load	goat	pole	nose	bow	know

toad	hoe	stole	rose	low	show
oak	toe	home	close	mow	slow
soak	rode	bone	chose	row	snow
foam	joke	cone	hose	tow	throw
roam	poke	tone	note	blow	boast
soap	spoke	stone	vote	crow	roast
boat	smoke	hope	dove	flow	toast

### 5. Long vowel u words

suite	June	true	new	chew	flew
fruit	tune	use	pew	drew	slew
juice	prune	fuse	crew	grew	stew
cute	blue	dew	knew	screw	mew
flute	clue	few	mule	threw	cube
dune	glue	hew	rule	blew	tube

## Diphthongs, Modified Vowels and Vowel Digraphs

A diphthong is **two** vowel sounds in **one** syllable. The diphthong **ow** and **ou** make the **ow** sound as in **cow**.

### 1. Words with diphthongs ow and ou

blouse	cow	dowel	out	crown	ouch
house	bow	towel	pout	clown	pouch
mouse	how	vowel	about	frown	couch
found	now	growl	scout	down	tower
hound	wow	our	shout	gown	power
pound	plow	hour	snout	town	flower
round	owl	flour	sprout	mouth	shower
sound	fowl	loud	route	south	mountain
ground	howl	proud	brown	count	thousand

When the consonant **r** after the vowel **a**, it changes the sound of the vowel as in **ark**.

### 2. Modified vowels: ä r words

bar	star	hark	cart	farmer	barber
car	bard	lark	dart	harm	garden
far	card	mark	mart	alarm	harbor
gar	guard	park	part	charm	harness
jar	hard	shark	tart	arch	harvest
mar	yard	spark	chart	march	market
par	ark	barn	start	carp	pardon
tar	bark	yarn	arm	harp	regard
spar	dark	art	farm	sharp	sparkle

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### 3. Words with diphthongs oi and oy

oil	soil	point	moist	toy	enjoy
boil	broil	voice	noise	coin	destroy
coil	spoil	choice	boy	join	loyal
fail	joint	hoist	joy	poison	royalty

When the consonant **r** comes after the vowel **o**, it changes the sound of the vowel as in **for**. The **or** sound is marked like this: **côr**n.

### 4. Modified vowel ô r words

Lord	fort	core	snore	torch	north
door	port	more	store	born	acorn

floor	short	sore	horse	corn	corner
fork	sport	tore	storm	horn	organ
stork	forty	score	porch	thorn	uniform

A vowel digraph has **two** vowels that make **one** sound. The digraph **oo** makes the sound of **oo** as in **zoo**.

### 5. Words with the vowel digraph oo as in zoo

broom	moose	soon	pool	zoo	smooth
room	noodle	spoon	spool	shoot	food
hoop	poodle	roost	stool	roof	balloon
loop	too	rooster	school	proof	igloo
goose	moon	tool	boot	booth	raccoon
loose	moon	fool	root	tooth	snooze

A vowel digraph has **two** vowels that make **one** sound. The digraph **oo** makes the sound of **oo** as in **look**.

### 6. Words with the vowel digraph oo as in book; o, u, and ou can say oo

book	brook	good	wool	wolf	bull
cook	crook	hood	woolen	wolves	full
hook	shook	stood	foot	put	pull
look	cookie	wood	soot	bush	could
nook	booklet	woody	unhook	push	would
took	brooklet	wooden	lookout	cushion	should

When the consonant **r** comes after the vowel **e**, it changes the sound of the vowel as in **herd**. The **er** sound is a combination of the **schwa** (ə) and **r** sounds.

### 7. Modified vowel er words

herd	sister	circle	birthday	turkey	early
germ	cracker	circus	thirteen	purple	earn
term	hammer	bird	thirty	hurry	learn
fern	pitcher	third	fur	nurse	earth
eternal	rocker	girl	curb	purse	word
verse	water	firm	church	burst	work
serve	zipper	squirrel	injure	hurt	world
person	fir	dirt	sure	curtain	worm
father	sir	shirt	curl	turtle	worry
mother	stir	skirt	burn	heard	worship
brother	giraffe	first	turn	pearl	worth

The vowel **o** makes different sounds and one of them is the sound of **ô** as in **dôg**.

## 8. Words with the sound of ô as in dog

off	moth	claw	draw	crawl	taught
dog	belong	small	straw	shawl	fault
fog	strong	stall	thaw	sprawl	ought
hog	wrong	talk	dawn	faucet	brought
log	ball	walk	fawn	awning	fought
frog	call	stalk	lawn	awful	brought
smog	fall	salt	yawn	auto	thought
boss	hall	malt	brawn	because	autumn
toss	mall	law	drawn	caught	haughty
cross	tall	paw	hawk	daughter	laundry
cloth	wall	saw	brawl	naughty	cough (f)

You have learned the sound of **är** as in **arm**. These letters also make the sound of **are** as in **square**.

## 9. Modified äre words

bare	blare	fair	pear	cherry	aware
care	flare	hair	tear	their	barrel
dare	share	pair	wear	where	dairy
hare	carry	stair	berry	there	errand
rare	marry	chair	ferry	carrot	error
ware	air	bear	merry	parrot	square

The letter **c** usually has the sound of **s** when it is followed by the vowels **e**, **i**, or **y**. This is called the soft sound of **c**. Likewise, the soft sound of the letter **g** makes the **j** sound when it is followed by **e**, **i**, or **y**.

## 10. The soft sounds of the letters c and g

ice	juice	glance	necklace	badge	hedge
dice	base	city	circle	large	pledge
lice	face	cymbals	circus	barge	engine
mice	lace	ounce	age	charge	giraffe
nice	pace	bounce	cage	gem	hinge
rice	race	pounce	gage	ridge	danger
vice	brace	fence	page	bridge	giant
slice	place	pencil	rage	gum	orange
spice	space	prince	sage	gypsy	range
price	trace	lettuce	stage	Egypt	change
twice	chance	celery	wage	wedge	manger

A vowel digraph has **two** vowels that makes **one** sound. The digraph **ea** makes the sound of **e** as in **head**.

## 11. Words with the vowel digraph ea which has the short vowel e sound

dead	dread	thread	meant	threat	sweater
head	spread	deaf	weapons	breath	weather
lead	stead	breakfast	peasant	death	headache
read	steady	health	pleasant	feather	treasure
ready	instead	wealth	pleasure	heather	measure
bread	tread	cleanser	sweat	leather	meadow