



# Common Ways to Spell The 20 Vowel Sounds

## Short Vowel Sounds




### "a"

a apple   
ai plait 

### "e"

e egg   
ea feather   
a many   
ai said   
ie friend   
eo leopard   
ei leisure   
u bury 






### "i"

i insect   
e pretty   
a garbage   
ie sieve   
y rhythm   
ui build   
o women   
u busy   
ua language (wuh-i) 

### "o"

o orange   
a was (wo-z)  
au sausage   
o one (wu-) 1  
o mold   
iou anxious 

### "u"

u umbrella   
o love   
ou touch   
ier soldier (sol-juh)   
ough thorough "thu-ru"  
oo blood 

## Long Vowel Sounds

### "a—"

au gauge   
e café   
a apricot   
ai paint   
ay hay   
ea steak   
eigh eight   
aigh straight ↑  
a—/e cake   
ay gray   
ei vein   
ag champagne   
et bouquet   
ua suede (wuh)   
eig reign   
e/e crepe 


### "e—"

e me   
ea East   
ee bee   
ey key   
y sunny   
eo people   
ie believe   
i taxi   
ei receive   
ie piece   
ae algae   
in machine   
ie pie   
igh night   
ui en-suite (on sweet)   
e—/e Pete 










### "i—"

i diamond   
y sky   
ig sign   
is island   
ie pie   
igh night   
ai Thailand   
e buy   
o choir   
ais aisle   
eye eye   
aye aye   
ei neither (ni—ther)  
i—/e bite 

### "o—"

o open   
oa boat   
ow row   
ew sew   
oe toe   
oo brooch   
eau chateau   
ough dough   
o—/e stove 

### "u—" (yuh+ew)





u uniform   
eu Europe   
eu feud   
ou you   
ue barbecue   
ew few   
iew view   
eau beauty   
ueue queue   
u—/e cube 

## Vowel Combinations



### "ew"

u flu   
oe shoe   
oo moon   
ew screw   
ue glue   
ui juice   
u cruel   
o two 2  
ou soup   
ough thorough 


### "oo"

oo book   
u full   
ol wolf   
o woman   
ou (wood) would

### "oy"

oy boy   
oi coin 

### "ar"

al half 1/2  
a ask ?  
au laugh   
ar car   
ear heart   
are are "are"  
aar aardvark 

### "or"

ar swarm   
a ball   
or horse   
aw saw   
au sauce   
augh caught   
or snore   
al chalk   
oar cupboard   
our four 4  
oor door   
ough thought   
aur dinosaur 








### "er"

ir bird   
er herd   
ur fun   
or worm   
our journey   
ear Earth   
ere "wuh-er" were

### "ear"

er material   
ear ear   
ere here   
ea idea   
ier pier   
eer beer 

### "air"

air chair   
ar canary   
are beware   
ear pear   
ere where   
air airplane   
ow cow   
ou mouse   
eir their   
eah yeah   
ayer prayer   
ayor mayor   
ey're they're   
our hour (ow-uh)   
ow plow 

### "uh"

er flower   
a dog   
e the "thu-"  
ae Michael   
ar dollar 1\$   
or doctor   
i rabbit   
i giraffe 