

Lesson 14

Long Vowels: A, E, I, O, and U

Phonics Focus: The only five letters of the alphabet that say their Name Sounds are A, E, I, O, and U. These are all vowels. The consonants do not say their Name Sounds. These vowels are called “Long Vowels” because it takes LONGER to say the letters’ Long Sounds than when you say their Short Sounds. Your mouth will make two movements as you say the sound of a Long Vowel. You will end the sound with your mouth shut. You must give the Long Vowel the full length of its sound. If you do not do this, one word will sound like another. For example, “sail” will sound like “sell”; “fire” will sound like “far”; “peel” will sound like “pill”. A straight line over the vowel indicates that it is a Long Vowel Sound. Here is a song that can help a student learn the Long Vowel Sounds. It is sung to the tune of “B-I-N-G-O”:

A, E, I, O, U

A, E, I, O, U

A, E, I, O, U

Hear us say our Long Sounds!

ā	ē	ī	ō	ū
ā	ē	ī	ō	ū
ā	ē	ī	ō	ū

Hear us say our Name Sounds!

A as in **Acorn**



E as in **Eagle**



I as in **Ice**



O as in **Open**



U as in **United States**



Now sing the full song:

Acorn, Eagle, Ice and Open,

United States;

A, E, I, O, U, A, E, I, O, U, A, E, I, O, U,

Hear us say our LONG SOUNDS.

Acorn, Eagle, Ice and Open,

United States;

ā ē ī ō ū

ā ē ī ō ū

ā ē ī ō ū

Hear us say our NAME SOUNDS.

Phonics Rule: A syllable is one unit of sound, made up of a consonant and a vowel, or sometimes just a vowel. Every syllable must have a vowel.

An open syllable is made up of a consonant (or a consonant team blend) and a vowel, and results in the vowel saying its LONG SOUND. Have your student practice this list:

we	no	hi	fry	fly
me	go	I	dry	spy
he	so	my	ply	sly
she	lo	by	try	shy
be		cry	why	

PRACTICE:

I will go and try to fly.

No, she will try to fly.

He will go with me.

Hi! Why cry? She is my spy and I will be a spy.

We can be by the rock.

He is so dry.

She can try to fry the fish.

She will cry. She is shy.