Vowels & Consonants (page 3)

A **vowel** is a sound in speech that the letters A, E, I, O, or U make in phonics. A **consonant** is a sound made by the other letters in the alphabet.

Short A Vowel Sounds When a vowel is by itself it is using its short vowel sound. For example, the following words are made of short "a" vowel sounds (ă).

bat	map	sat
last	and	bag
bath	ran	lap

For each word, fill in the missing short "a" vowel sound and write the new word.

1. r__g = _____
2. b__t = _____
3. r__w = _____
4. m__n = _____
5. m__ll = _____

Long A Vowel Sounds The following words are made of long "a" vowel sounds (ā). Long "a" sounds are often made with the letters "ai", "ay" and "a" with an "e" at the end of the word.

maid	bay	able
sail	tame	may

For each word, fill in the missing long "a" vowel sound and write the new word.

6. p__il = _____
7. f__te = _____
8. pl__y = _____
9. h__il = _____
10. g__me = _____

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