

DISCRIMINATING BETWEEN LONG AND SHORT VOWELS

What is Meant by a Long Vowel?

A vowel is long when it says its own name. In a dictionary or glossary it will have a straight line over it.

Examples:

say, see, tie, toe, due

What is Meant by a Short Vowel?

A vowel is short when it has a special sound as in the following examples. In a dictionary, it will have a smile shaped line over it.

Examples:

Short a:

Short e:

Short i:

Short o:

Short u:



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Which word has the **long a** sound? baby blab

Which word has the **long e** sound? tree red

Which word has the **short u** sound? tube tub

Which word has the **short o** sound? stop stone