## Short Vowels

If a word or syllable has only one vowel that comes at the beginning (VC) or between two consonants (CVC), the vowel usually stands for the short vowel sound.

Example Words
crop
plan
lunch
problem
sprint

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## Long Vowels

When a word or syllable has a vowel followed by a consonant and the letter e (VCe), the vowel usually has a long sound and the e is silent.

Example Words
spoke
invite
price
rule
life

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More Long a and Long e Spellings
Along with what we learned about with the VCe spelling pattern, there are other ways that you may see the long a and long e sounds spelled in words

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\text { Long a } \rightarrow \text { ai, ay, ea }
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\text { Long e } \rightarrow \text { ea, ee, ie, e }
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## Example Words

Long a
maid
great
Long e
free
shield

