



Vowels and Consonants for kids

In the English language, there are 26 alphabets 5 of which called vowels, and the rest are consonants. Phonetically, it is easy to define vowels and consonants, vowel is sound produce by constriction in vocal cord words like a, e, i, o, u, are vowels. Consonant is nothing but a sound with audible noise which are b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z. For kids it is very important to understand the main difference between vowels and consonants sounds, In this, you will understand the difference as well as the definition with examples. Here, you will also get exercises and worksheets for practice.

What are vowels?

Out of 26 alphabets, Vowels are 5 in number a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes y these are produced by the constriction in the vocal tract. Vowels are the letters that are said with an open mouth it can have a short or a long sound. Each vowel has more than one sound and can be silent with no sound at all. The vowel sound is produced by humans when the breath flows out to throw the mouth without being blocked.

Examples of Vowels for kids

Let's take some examples to understand the vowel sounds it is an easy way to understand the main difference between the vowels and the consonants. First, you have to speak it loud and then notice which letter has more emphasis or preference in the given words.

Cat, here "a" is a vowel.

Net, here "e" is a vowel.

Pin, here "i" is a vowel.

Owl, here "o" is a vowel.

Fun, here "u" is a vowel.

Types of vowel sound

In the English language, there are two types of vowel sounds:

1. Monophthon
2. Diphthongs



Let's study both types in detail...

2 Types of Vowel Sound



**Monophthon
(single sound)**

**Diphthongs
(two sounds)**

1. Monophthon (single sound)

Monophthongs have a single perceived auditory quality or a pure vowel sound. As it itself defines its meaning Mono means “one” or “single” and the phthongs means “sound” means a single sound, when you say ‘Feet’ a long E sound you will notice it make one single vowel sound in one syllable.

2. Diphthongs (two sounds)

Diphthong is a single sound produce when two vowels are joined or paired together in an order. It is the sound which start as single vowel sound but blend into another when they are articulated. When you say “away” the vowel moved from a long A sound to a long I sound.

What are consonants?

Consonants are the letters which are not vowels but to be said with the sound of vowels. Out of 26 alphabets, 5 are vowels and left over alphabets are consonants. Here the all matter is of sound how these words sounds it depends on the letter we choose whether it is a vowel sound letter or a consonant letter both have different sound tract. Consonants are the letters When, air flow is interrupted or limited by the position of the tongue, teeth or lips. Most consonant letters have only one sound and rarely sound like their name. Consonants pair with vowels to create syllables.



Consonants are: b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y (sometimes), z.

Examples of consonants for kids

Here we have some examples of the consonants let's recall them to understand different sounds.

But, here "b" and "t" both are consonants.

Coat, here "c" and "t" both are consonants.

Hot, here "h" and "t" both are consonants.

Bike, here "b" and "k" both are consonants.

God, here "g" and "d" both are consonants.

Vowel Exercise for kids

Exercise – 1

There is a vowel missing in given words. Write the missing vowel or vowels in the space provided:

C....t

N....t

P....rr....t

H....l....

G.....se

H....m....

M....n

C....r

Pl....n....

D....ck

Answers:

Cat

Net

Parrot

Holi

Goose

Home

Man

Car

Plane

Duck



Exercise – 2

Fill in the blanks with the long vowel sound which are suitable for the gap provided:

F__t

R__t

D__d

L__k

F__l

G__se

T__th

B__k

W__d

Tr__

Answers:

Foot

Root

Deed

Look

Feel

Goose

Teeth

Book

Wood

Tree

Exercise – 3

Underline or color the vowel words in the following lines:

I like you.

This is my Book.

That is a big tree.

John like apple.

Rita's dress is red in color.

My sister love pizza.

Don't make noise.

Put on your shoes.

Let me do this work.

I want an orange.



Answers:

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Exercise – 4

Select consonants from the followings words and color properly:

BAT

Hut

MATCH

TOOTH

TRUE

FRIENDS

HAPPY

KIND

JOY

BABY

Answers:

BAT

Hut

MATCH

TOOTH

TRUE

FRIENDS

HAPPY

KIND

JOY

BABY