

## Reading Basics (for ages 4-6)

Let's learn about the vowels! For the purpose of keeping this simple for your little one, we'll leave the letter Y for another time.

Instructions for Parents

Say: **We've already learned about the vowels and the short sounds they can make! Today we'll learn about the long sounds. Let's count the vowels on our hands as we say them.**

Hold up a finger for each vowel as you recite them.

A E I O U

Say: **Just so we remember, the short vowel sounds are:**

Point to each picture and read the the phrase.

A as in 

E as in 

I as in 

O as in 

U as in 

Say: **Each vowel can also make a long sound. The long sounds are easy to remember, because they sound like the letter.**

Point to each picture and read the the phrase.

A as in 

E as in 

I as in 

O as in 

U as in 

Say: Cut out the blue squares at the bottom of the page. Say the word aloud, then place each picture in one of the dotted boxes next to the vowel you hear. Some words will use the short vowel sound. Other words will use the long vowel sound.

A

E

I

O

U




Cold, Hat, Pig, Pen, Unicorn, Ice Cream, Jeep, Acorn, Dog, Umbrella