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Clear Speech

From the Start

Basic Pronunciation and
Listening Comprehension
in North American English

2nd Edition

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The Alphabet and Vowels

Cake, please.

A The alphabet

Listen.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm
Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

B Vowel letters

Listen.

a e i o u

C Do you hear *a*?

1 Listen. Mark Yes or No.

- | | Yes | No | |
|----|------------|------------|--------|
| 1. |
✓ | | (cake) |
| 2. | |
✓ | (rice) |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| 6. | | | |



2 Listen again.

D Do you hear *e*?

1 Listen. Mark Yes or No.

- | | Yes | No | |
|----|------------|-------|-------|
| 1. |
✓ | | (tea) |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| 6. | | | |



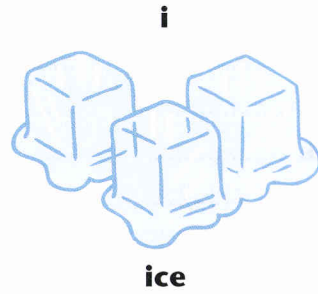
2 Listen again.



Do you hear *i*?

1 Listen. Mark Yes or No.

Yes	No
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.



2 Listen again.



Do you hear *o*?

1 Listen. Mark Yes or No.

Yes	No
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.



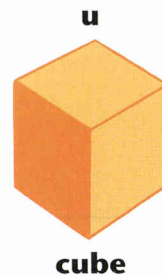
2 Listen again.



Do you hear *u*?

1 Listen. Mark Yes or No.

Yes	No
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.



2 Listen again.



Which word is different?

1 Listen to three words. One word is different. Mark it.

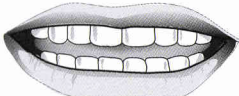

	X	Y	Z	
1. [✓]	(see, see, say)
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	

2 Listen again.



Saying the alphabet vowel sounds



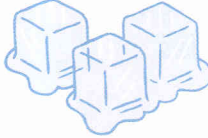


Listen. Then say each sound until you can say it easily.

Letter	Sound	
a	/eʏ/	 At the end of these sounds the lips are wide.
e	/iʏ/	
i	/ɑʏ/	
o	/oʷ/	 At the end of these sounds the lips are round.
u	/uʷ/	



Key words for the alphabet vowel sounds

1 Listen. Then say each key word until you can say it easily.

Letter	Sound	Key word	
a	/eɪ/	cake	
e	/iː/	tea	
i	/aɪ/	ice	
o	/oʊ/	cone	
u	/uː/	cube	

2 Write the key words.

Letter	Key word
a
e
i
o
u



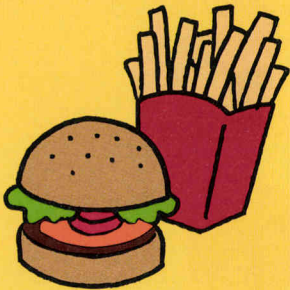
Food

Listen. Say each word until you can say it easily.

Fast Burger

MEALS

FastBurger
Cheeseburger
French fries



DESSERTS

Ice cream cones
• *vanilla*
• *chocolate*
Pie
Cake
Fruit



BEVERAGES

Juice
Lemonade
Coffee
Tea
Milk
Shakes
• *vanilla*
• *chocolate*



Music of English



Listen. Then repeat each sentence until you can say it easily. Learn it like a little song.

Cake, please.

Tea, please.

2






The Two Vowel Rule

How do you spell “time”?



Saying the letters of the alphabet

1 Listen. Then say the alphabet vowel sounds and key words.

Letter	Sound	Key word
a	/eɪ/	cake 
e	/iː/	tea 
i	/aɪ/	ice 
o	/oʊ/	cone 
u	/uː/	cube 

2 Listen. Then say the names of the alphabet letters. Notice the alphabet vowel sounds in the names of the letters.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z



The Two Vowel Rule

- 1 Listen. Then say each word until you can say it easily.
- 2 Underline the first vowel letter in each word.
 1. make
 2. rice
 3. tea
 4. pie
 5. home
 6. cube
 7. soap
 8. use
- 3 Read this rule.

The Two Vowel Rule*

When there are two vowel letters in a short word:

1. The first vowel letter says its alphabet name.
2. The second vowel letter is silent.

This rule is true for many words.

cake tea ice cone cube



Words that end in the vowel letter -e-

Listen. Then say each word until you can say it easily.

/e ^y /	/i ^y /	/a ^y /	/o ^w /	/u ^w /
cake	Pete	ice	note	use
bake	see	rice	cone	cube
make	three	time	those	June
came	these	nine	home	rule
same	please	like	nose	cute

NOTE: Some words with the letter **-u-**, like “use,” “cube,” and “cute,” have a /y/ sound before the /u^w/ sound. But a simple /u^w/, as in words like “June” and “rule,” is more common.

* For more information on vowel rules, check Appendices B and C on pages 130–133.



Words with two vowel letters together

Listen. Then say each word until you can say it easily.

/eɪ/	/iː/	/aɪ/	/oʊ/	/uː/
rain	eat	pie	boat	cue
train	meat	tie	Joe	suit
paid	read	fries	soap	fruit
wait	see	cries	coat	blue



Which vowel letter says its name?

1 For each word, underline the vowel letter that says its name.

- | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------|--------|-------|------|------|
| 1. <u>ma</u> de | paid | name | change | cake | Jane | Jake |
| 2. cream | plea <u>se</u> | see | cheese | three | Pete | meet |
| 3. time | size | rice | like | write | bike | Mike |
| 4. soak | cone | boat | smoke | Joe | bone | home |
| 5. cute | cube | true | fruit | Sue | due | mule |

2 Check your answers with the class.








Which vowel sound is it?

1 Listen. Then say each word until you can say it easily.

meat	meal	came	made	tune	soap
close	cue	like	cheese	mile	rain

2 Write each word above in the correct box below.

				
/eɪ/ cake	/iː/ tea	/aɪ/ ice	/oʊ/ cone	/uː/ cube
came	meat			
.....
.....

3 Listen again and check your answers.



Music of English

Listen. Then repeat each sentence until you can say it easily. Learn it like a little song.

How do you spell "time"?

T - I - M - E.



Pair work: Asking how to spell words

- 1 Listen.
- 2 Say the conversations with a partner.

Student A: How do you spell "same"?

Student B: S - A - M - E.

Student A: Right.

Student B: How do you spell "cone"?

Student A: C - A - N - E.

Student B: No, it's C - O - N - E.



Pair work: How do you spell "cheese"?

Student A: Ask how to spell a word from the Words box on the next page.

Student B: Spell the word.

Take turns asking the questions.

Examples

Student A: How do you spell "cheese"?

Student B: C - H - E - E - S - E.

Student A: Right.

Student B: How do you spell "tree"?

Student A: T - E - A.

Student B: No, it's T - R - E - E.



Words

sale	same	take	cake	page
tea	tree	cheese	please	each
ice	size	rice	time	fries
close	hope	cone	coat	soap
cute	use	cube	fruit	suit

J Spelling game **EXTRA**

- 1 Divide into Team A and Team B.
- 2 Team A student: Say the number and letter of a word from the box below.
Team B student: Spell and pronounce the word.
- 3 Teams take turns asking the questions.
Teams get one point for each correct answer.

Examples

Team A student: E-4

Team B student: S - H - A - K - E. Shake.

Team B student: B-3

Team A student: P - E - T - E. Pete.

	1	2	3	4	5
A	made	name	Mike	Jane	pie
B	please	sale	Pete	team	page
C	cute	cheese	June	write	each
D	change	ice	boat	time	fries
E	cake	rice	cone	shake	soap