

Instructional Animation

English Scripts

Difference Between Short and Long Vowels

In English, **vowel** letters have two sounds. One of these sounds are known as **short vowel** sounds, and the other is known as **long vowel** sounds.

First, let's review **short vowel sounds**. The **short vowel sounds** are called short because they make a short and quick sound.

A makes /a/ **e** makes /e/.

I makes /i/ **O** makes /o/ **U** makes /u/

Each **short vowel** sound is short.

Now let's review the **long vowel sounds**... **long vowel sounds** are called long.

because their sounds are longer.

The sounds are longer because each **long vowel** sounds just like the name of it's letter. **A** makes **AAA** **E** makes **EEE** **I** makes **III** **O** makes **OOO** **U** makes **UUU** . Let's review the difference between long and short vowels.

Long Vowels

AEIOU... Short Vowels /a/ /e/ /i/ /o/ /u/

Now you know the difference between **long vowels** and **short vowels**.