Vowel Sounds

Learning the different sounds of A, E, I, O, U, and sometimes Y.

SUMMARY:
A companion to the consonant sounds collection, this one focuses on vowel sounds. Each one takes a long or short vowel sound, or one of the other sounds a vowel can make, and showcases the types of simple words that make that sound.

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“A” like Hat

The letter A makes many sounds. Sometimes, it sounds like it does in hat.
Can you find all the words with this sound?

The black cat wears a silly hat.
The cat is a little fat.
The cat is chasing a fast bat.
The cat climbed the branch.
The branch is on a slant.
Then the cat sat on the mat.
The cat doesn’t like the brat!
Dad gave the cat a nice pat.
Mom likes to have a morning chat with the cat.

The scared man ran from ants.
The man puts garbage in the can.
The man gets a sun tan.
The man uses a big electric fan.
The man cooks ham in a pan.
“A” like Hat

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who is the main character of the story?
   A. The Cat
   B. The Ant
   C. The Bat
   D. Dad

2. YES OR NO: The cat is very skinny.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. What did the cat climb?
   A. the house
   B. the table
   C. the branch
   D. the ladder

4. Which of these A sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. can
   B. fan
   C. jam
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Kate was late for her date. She had to meet her best mate. They wanted to see the cay. It was down by the bay. They were going to play. If she was too late, he’d make her pay!

Tate sat on a crate. He wanted to fish, but needed some bait. He was hungry, but needed a plate. He was a bit angry at his friend, Kate. He hated when she was late. What a cruel fate! She had put him in this terrible state. At this rate, would he wait all day?
“A” like Kate

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who are the two main characters?
   A. Tate and Plate
   B. Tate and Kate
   C. Tate and Date
   D. Kate and Wait

2. YES OR NO: Is Tate happy to wait for Kate.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does Tate want to do?
   A. swim
   B. cry
   C. go fishing
   D. dance

4. Which of these A sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. cay
   B. bay
   C. play
   D. stay

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Shaw has a brother named Paul.
Shaw and Paul got into a brawl.
That drove mom up the wall.
Shaw is very tall.
Paul is kind of small.
Their mother wears a shawl.
Their horse is in a stall.
Their sister can only crawl.
If she tries to walk she only falls.

Their dog has four paws.
He licked dad on the jaw.
He really likes ma and pa.
He doesn’t mind grandpa and grandma.
He is too scared to go to the mall.
“A” like Tall

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who are the brothers in this story?
   A. Paul and Tall
   B. Shaw and Paul
   C. Paul and Small
   D. Grandpa and Grandma

2. YES OR NO: They have a pet dog.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. What drove mom up the wall?
   A. The brothers ate the cake.
   B. The brothers lost the dog.
   C. The brothers broke a window.
   D. The brothers got into a brawl.

4. Which of these A sound words does NOT sound like the others?
   A. hat
   B. tall
   C. fall
   D. paw

5. What is the dog scared of?
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   B. pa
   C. the mall
   D. having a fall
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“E” like Bench

The letter E makes many sounds. Sometimes, it sounds like it does in bench. Can you find all the words with this sound?

Ted sat on a bench. He was taking a rest. He was tired from digging a trench. When would he be done? He wished he was home in his den. He looked around instead.

He saw a yellow hen. There was a red pen. The mechanic had a wrench. That old truck gave off a stench. A cat sat on a fence. There was a nice rose hedge. Across the way was his friend, Ben. Ken, his other friend, was with him. They were both nice men. The big clock struck ten. Then, it was time to get back to the trench.
“E” like Bench

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who is the main character of the story?
   A. Ted
   B. Ben
   C. Ken
   D. Lem

2. YES OR NO: Ted is happy to dig the trench.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. What does Ted do when he takes a break?
   A. He sleeps.
   B. He reads a book.
   C. He looks around.
   D. He eats.

4. Which of these E sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. stench
   B. bench
   C. trench
   D. sedge

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Pete was outside under a tree.
The tree was by a stream.
He was raking leaves.
Some were still green.
Most had changed with the season.
But where was Steve?
His brother was nowhere to be seen.
They were supposed to work like a team.

Steve was inside asleep.
He was having a dream.
It was about eating ice cream!
It seemed real.
He could almost feel it.
He could really hear it, too!
Oh, wait! That was Pete.
He was screaming in Steve’s ear.
“E” like Leaf

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who are the main characters of the story?
   A. Pete and a Bee
   B. Steve and a Dream
   C. A Dream and Leaves
   D. Steve and Pete

2. YES OR NO: Steve is asleep.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. What was Pete doing outside?
   A. cutting the grass
   B. planting flowers
   C. raking leaves
   D. eating ice cream

4. Which of these E sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. dream
   B. steam
   C. ice cream
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5. How does Pete feel about being left alone to work?
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"I" like Ice

The letter I makes many sounds. Sometimes, it sounds like it does in ice. Can you find all the words with this sound?

Mike sat by the icebox. It was hot inside. It was hotter outside! All he wanted was ice cream. So, he took a bite. He missed the white of winter. He liked icicles.

It was too hot to ride his bike. It was too hot to fly his kite. It was too hot to visit his friend Ike. It was too hot to take a hike. It was too hot to lie in bed.

Maybe he could go play in the tide? It could be cool at the seaside. He could swim and play and slide. The water would let him cool his hide. Isn’t that nice?
“I” like Ice

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who is the main character of the story?
   A. Kyle
   B. Lyle
   C. Ike
   D. Mike

2. YES OR NO: Mike likes the hot weather.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does the story say Mike can NOT do?
   A. Eat a pike.
   B. Ride a trike.
   C. Fly his kite.
   D. Jump from left to right.

4. Which of these I sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. bike
   B. hike
   C. liked
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5. What nice idea does Mike get?
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Sometimes, it sounds like it does in hit.
Can you find all the words with this sound?

It was the fifth inning.
The game was tied six to six.
The park was lit up at night.
Mitch was up to bat.
Tim was pitching.
He ran his fingers over the ball’s stitching.

The first pitch was low and inside.
Mitch swung at the second and missed!
He heard the ball hit the catcher’s mitt.
Mitch hit the third pitch.
It was a base hit!

Jim was up to bat, and he could swing!
CRACK! The ball sailed into the sky.
It went over the fence.
It was an amazing home run!
Everyone clapped for him.
“I” like Hit

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Which of these characters is NOT in the story?
   A. Tim
   B. Jim
   C. Kim
   D. Mitch

2. YES OR NO: Jim hits a home run.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these DOES happen in the story?
   A. Jim eats a hot dog.
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“O” like Orange

The letter O makes many sounds.
Sometimes, it sounds like it does in orange.
Can you find all the words with this sound?

Hope ate an orange.
Then she ate an apple to the core.
That was the only food in the house.
There wasn’t any more.
At least she got to eat it on her own.
She gave her hungry dog a bone.
Hope opened the front door.
She went outside to the oak tree.
It was tall – over her head!

She saw her friend Olivia.
Olivia was coming over on her bike.
Hope wore roller skates.
Olivia towed her with her bike.
Hope was not a heavy load to tow.
They went down the road.
They rode around a row of orange cones.
Hope’s phone rang.
It was time to go home!
“O” like Orange

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who are the main characters of the story?
   A. Lolo and George
   B. Hope and Lolo
   C. Hope and Olivia
   D. Olivia and Oliver

2. YES OR NO: There is a lot of food in Hope’s house.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does the story NOT say Hope does?
   A. Eat an orange
   B. Ride a bike
   C. Go roller skating
   D. Gave her dog a bone

4. Which of these O sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. home
   B. phone
   C. tow
   D. police

5. Why does Hope go home?
   A. Mom is yelling for her.
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Can you find all the words with this sound?

Tom was very hot.
The weather was not cool at all.
Tom saw flowers wilting in their pots.
Tom started to see stars and dots.
He grabbed the door knob.
Tom hopped inside like a shot!
Inside was not so hot.
He took off his socks.
Then he plopped down on a cot.

Later, he robbed the fridge.
It was like eating was his job!
He made lots of messes like a slob.
It was really over the top.
He did not watch the clock.
He did not stop to mop the floor.

After dad came home, Tom was really sore!
“O” like Hot

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who is the main character of the story?
   A. Bob
   B. Rob
   C. Tom
   D. Jon

2. YES OR NO: Tom makes a big mess.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does the story NOT say Tom does?
   A. Sit on a cot.
   B. Make lots of messes.
   C. Take off his socks.
   D. Go find rocks.

4. Which of these O sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. robbed
   B. clock
   C. cops
   D. mop

5. What does Tom forget to do?
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“O” like Offer

The letter **O** makes many sounds. 
Sometimes, it sounds like it does in **offer**. 
Can you find all the words with this sound?

Ross turned the lights off. 
He knew he ought to go to sleep. 
He thought for a few minutes. 
Then he had some dreams.

He had to toss some moss. 
He had to cross a broad bog. 
He climbed a long log. 
He caught a frog and a polliwog. 
He played ping pong with some tongs. 
He saw the grass was covered in frost.

Then he had a new dream... 
His boss lost a ring. 
He offered a reward to the one who brought it back. 
Everyone fought to find it. 
They sought the ring. 
Ross bought a new ring at low cost. 
Ross lied and said it was the same one. 
He knew it was wrong.

Ross woke up from the strange dreams...
“O” like Offer

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who are the main characters of the story?
   A. Ross and his Boss
   B. The Boss and Oliver
   C. Tom and Bob
   D. Only Ross

2. YES OR NO: Does Ross find the lost ring.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does the story NOT say Ross does in his dreams?
   A. Throw some moss.
   B. See some frost.
   C. He kissed a frog.
   D. He climbed a log.

4. Which of these O sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. bought
   B. sought
   C. thought
   D. fought

5. What happens at the end of the story?
   A. Ross has another dream.
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“O” like Money

The letter O makes many sounds. Sometimes, it sounds like it does in money. Can you find all the words with this sound?

Henry went to the zoo. He went with his brother. His mother came, too. It was hot outside, like an oven. But, he had a ton of fun.

He saw a monkey climbing trees. He saw a bear eating honey. He took a picture next to a monk he met. He took a dozen more of the animals. He took pictures next to other nice things.

He sent a postcard to his cousin. He sent another to his grandmother. It did not cost much money.
“O” like Money

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Which of these is NOT a character in the story?
   A. mother
   B. brother
   C. Henry
   D. uncle

2. YES OR NO: Henry went to the museum.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does the story say Henry does?
   A. He saw a monkey climbing trees.
   B. He met a clown.
   C. He ate a cookie.
   D. He spent all his money.

4. Which of these O sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. monkey
   B. money
   C. honey
   D. son

5. Who does Henry send postcards to?
   A. His cousin and his uncle
   B. His cousin and his grandmother
   C. His sister and his brother
   D. His uncle and his mother
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“U” like Unicorn

The letter U makes many sounds. Sometimes, it sounds like it does in unicorn. Can you find all the words with this sound?

Sue really wanted to see a unicorn. Where in the universe could she find one? They are very unique! She tried many things to find one. She went down a u-turn street. She put out a cup of juice and some prunes. She put on her grandma’s ruby ring. She wore something cute. She checked by tulips and by a spruce tree. She checked over by the spruce.

She asked a cool dude if he knew. He said they liked music. She played a flute. She played a tuba. She sang a duet with the dude. She even wore a band uniform. She used a lot of instruments. She made a huge amount of noise.

Finally, she saw her unicorn. It was true that they were real!
“U” like Unicorn

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Which of these is not a character in the story?
   A. unicorn
   B. cool dude
   C. Eunice
   D. Sue

2. YES OR NO: It was easy for Sue to find the unicorn.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does the story NOT say Sue does?
   A. Play a tuba
   B. Wear something cute
   C. Eat a piece of fruit
   D. Ask a cool dude

4. Which of these U sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. dude
   B. attitude
   C. prune
   D. unicorn

5. YES OR NO: Does Sue finally see her unicorn?
   A. Yes
   B. No
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“U” like Hut

The letter U makes many sounds.
Sometimes, it sounds like it does in hut.
Can you find all the words with this sound?

Russ had a mutt named Peanut.
Russ wanted to make him a dog house.
He cut the wood.
He put up the trusses.
Russ finished the house.
It looked like a hut.
It even had a door that could shut.

All the fuss was done.
It was time to have fun.
Peanut and Russ went for a run.
They jumped over a rut.
They ran away from a bear cub!

Then they knew they must go home.
Russ gave peanut a pet and a rub.
He fed him a hot dog on a bun.
He also liked to eat butter.
Peanut was happy like a nut.
Peanut snuck into his hut and went to sleep.”
“U” like Hut

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who were the two main characters in the story?
   A. Russ and Dusty
   B. Russ and Dustin
   C. Russ and Peanut
   D. Russ and Nut

2. YES OR NO: Russ and Peanut saw a bear cub.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does the story NOT say Russ and Peanut do?
   A. Jump over a rut.
   B. Went for a run.
   C. Ran from a bear cub.
   D. Drank from a cup.

4. Which of these U sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. trusses
   B. cut
   C. muss
   D. hut

5. YES OR NO: Does Peanut go to sleep in his new hut?
   A. Yes
   B. No
“U” like Hut

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who were the two main characters in the story?
   A. Russ and Dusty
   B. Russ and Dustin
   C. Russ and Peanut
   D. Russ and Nut

2. YES OR NO: Russ and Peanut saw a bear cub.
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   B. No

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“Y” like Candy

The letter Y makes many sounds. Sometimes, it sounds like it does in candy. Can you find all the words with this sound?

Randy and Mandy went to get some candy. They got ready and walked into the city. They passed a tiny gray kitty. It was hoping for something fishy, but they were rather busy.

At a fancy shop they found some candy. They paid with their money. Then they wanted to enjoy their fancy candy. Suddenly, it began to get windy. Sadly, their candy got sandy! Now it was very dirty. What a pity!

Mandy was wishy-washy about what to do. Randy was a little handy. He knew it was risky, but he washed the candy. Then, they could eat their candy.

That’s the end of this story!
“Y” like Candy

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Which of these is not a character in the story?
   A. a cat
   B. Mandy
   C. Randy
   D. Cindy

2. YES OR NO: Randy and Mandy bought some fruit.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does the story NOT say Mandy and Randy do?
   A. They got ready.
   B. They walked to the city.
   C. They fed the kitty.
   D. They saw a tiny grey kitty.

4. Which of these Y sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. mommy
   B. sandy
   C. dirty
   D. risky

5. YES OR NO: Do Randy and Many get to eat their candy?
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“Y” like By

The letter Y makes many sounds.
Sometimes, it sounds like it does in by.
Can you find all the words with this sound?

Shy Violet started to cry.
A tear ran from her eye.
She was looking at the sky, but she saw a fly.
She wanted to see a butterfly.

“Why do I have to see a fly?” She asked.
“I just wanted to fly by,” came the fly’s reply.

She dabbed at her eyes.
Now they were dry.
She had to reapply her makeup.
She had to try to look away.
Still, she could spy the fly.
“My, oh, my!” She cried.

She went inside for a fish fry.
“I don’t mean to pry, but can I have some?” The fly asked.
“I don’t see why not,” she said in a wry manner.
But, it was all a lie.
When the fly landed, she got him with a flyswatter!
“Y” like By

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. What are the two main characters in this story?
   A. a fly and Violet
   B. Violet and a cat
   C. Violet and a dog
   D. a fly and a boy

2. YES OR NO: Violet likes the fly.
   A. Yes
   B. No

3. Which of these does the story NOT say Violet does?
   A. She looked at the sky.
   B. She saw a fly.
   C. A tear ran from her eye.
   D. She ate a pie.

4. Which of these Y sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. lye
   B. cry
   C. my
   D. sky

5. YES OR NO: Do the fly and Violet become friends?
   A. Yes
   B. No
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“OO” like Cool

The letters **OO** make many sounds.
Sometimes, it sounds like it does in **cool**.
Can you find all the words with this sound?

Tom had a really cool pool.
He didn’t want to go to school.
He just wanted to play in his pool.
That’s a bit cuckoo, right?
What a fool.

He went inside to his room.
He wanted to get some food.
The food made his tooth hurt.
He had a boo boo!
It made him sneeze, too.
Achoo!
Now goo was oozing from his nose.
There was a bit of drool, also.

He was sick now.
He had the proof.
Mom took him to the doctors soon after.
They poked him with their tools.
Oops! That hurts.
He was doomed!
Now, he really wished he’d just gone to school.
“OO” like Cool

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Who is the main character in this story?
   A. Tom
   B. Rob
   C. Mom
   D. a doctor

2. FILL IN THE BLANK: Tom had a really cool ___________.
   A. school
   B. fool
   C. pool
   D. drool

3. Which of these does the story NOT say Tom does?
   A. He went inside to his room.
   B. He didn’t want to go to school.
   C. He ate some bamboo.
   D. He really wished he’d just gone to school.

4. Which of these OO sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. igloo
   B. tools
   C. soon
   D. room

5. FILL IN THE BLANK: There was a bit of __________, also.
   A. school
   B. fool
   C. pool
   D. drool
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“OO” like Book

The letters **OO** make many sounds. Sometimes, it sounds like it does in **book**. Can you find all the words with this sound?

Jan had a favorite book.

In it, a crook ran away from the city. He lived by a brook and wore a hood. He took a hook down to the brook. He fished and caught Chinook salmon. The salmon shook and tried to get unhooked.

The crook went back to his house. He cooked the fish on a fire made with wood. He was careful not to get soot on his food. He sat down in a little nook to eat. He had a cookie for dessert.

After he ate, he went outside and took a look. He stood outside. He leaned on one foot. He saw a rook over in a tree. The crook decided to always live by the brook.

Jan really liked her favorite book. She kept it on a bookshelf.
“OO” like Book

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. What is Jan looking at?
   A. a comic book
   B. her favorite book
   C. a cartoon
   D. a movie

2. FILL IN THE BLANK: He lived by a ____________.
   A. cook
   B. nook
   C. brook
   D. Chinook

3. Which of these does the story NOT say the crook does?
   A. He took a hook down to the brook.
   B. He fished and caught a Chinook salmon.
   C. He had a cookie for dessert.
   D. He took a swim in the brook.

4. Which of these OO sound words is NOT in the story?
   A. football
   B. crook
   C. unhooked
   D. look

5. FILL IN THE BLANK: She kept it on a ____________.
   A. cook
   B. rook
   C. Chinook
   D. bookshelf
“OO” like Book

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