

English vowel sound spelling charts ©

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Charts use the same symbols as English Learner Dictionaries

Students can write example words on the charts as a learning tool.

e red			
ea	e	ue	a
head	red	guess	any

U wood		
u	oo	ou
pull	wood	could

ɑ: marble		
ar	au	al
marble	aunt	calm

I pink			
i	y	u	e
pink	gym	busy	pretty

D orange	
o	a
shop	wallet

aʊ brown	
ow	ou
brown	sound

i: green				
ea	ee	e	ie	ei
sea	see	we	piece	receipt

U: blue				
oo	u	o	ou	ew
soon	blue	who	you	few

aɪ bright lime		
i + e	y	igh
line	sky	high

Charts use colour & visual associations to link sounds to spelling patterns.

Charts can be displayed on walls, written on and if laminated can be cleaned and reused.

Includes 20 individual PDF A4 charts to demonstrate the link between English vowel sounds and spelling patterns.

Also included: diagnostic listening activity pages, spelling dictation page, and a teacher's reference page.

Uses:

- Display the charts on classroom walls for students to add example words of spelling patterns.
- Use as needed to demonstrate problematic or contrasting vowel sounds.

These charts complement pronunciation courses and resources such as: 'Rhyming Stories: language workbook', 'Understanding English Pronunciation', and 'Spelling and Pronunciation for English Language Learners' and 'Rhyming Stories'.

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Teacher's reference lists of example words for each sound.

Background information

English has 5 vowel letters but 20 vowel sounds. This is confusing and problematic for students. 'English vowel sound spelling charts' use colour and visual cues to link sounds and spelling patterns.

Advantages of using 'English vowel sound spelling charts':

- Visual cues such as colours, pictures, pronunciation symbols and example words for each sound demonstrate the relationship between spelling and pronunciation and provide a useful way of drawing attention to contrasting sounds in English.
- English learner dictionaries and pronunciation textbooks use the same 'pronunciation symbols' as those on the spelling charts. These symbols are from the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA).
- The charts can be utilised on a 'need to know' basis as problematic words appear in written texts. Words can be added to the applicable chart as they're learnt in class. See 'Teacher's reference page'.
- Students gain confidence and autonomy by becoming familiar with dictionary pronunciation symbols. However, by utilising charts with visual cues students don't have to memorise all the symbols.

Teaching suggestions

- Display the **English vowel sound spelling charts** where they can be easily accessed during class so that students can add new words to the appropriate chart as they appear in reading texts, etc.
- When focusing on a particular English sound, ask students to give examples of words containing the sound. Write all suggested words on the board, grouping words with the same spelling pattern together. If a word with a different sound is suggested by a student, write it apart from the other words, so that you can demonstrate the contrasting sound later.

Important note: If students aren't sure if a particular word contains the focus sound, turn it into a learning opportunity by directing them to check the word in a dictionary to see if it has the appropriate 'sound symbol'.

- Example words can then be written on the appropriate **English vowel sound spelling chart** by students.

Note: Charts, if laminated, can be re-used after cleaning.

For more classroom activities relating to spelling and pronunciation, see:

'Spelling and Pronunciation for English Language Learners'

'Understanding English Pronunciation - an integrated practice course'

'Understanding English Pronunciation - Teacher's Book'

'Rhyming Stories' - Language Workbook, Storybook & Audio CD