

Articles – Sounds – Long and Short Vowel Sounds

Vowel Letter	Sound: long/short	Sample Word	Rules
a	short /a/	apple	/a/ in apple
	long /ae/	taken	/ae/ at the end of a syllable
ae/a e	long /ae/	sundae plate	/ae/ in ice cream sundae plate
e	short /e/	egg	/e/ in egg
	long /ee/	began	/ee/ at the end of a syllable
	long /ee/	be	/ee/ at the end of a few short words
ee/e e	long /ee/	seeds for Eve	/ee/ in seeds for E ve
i	short /i/	it's itchy	/i/ in it's itchy
	long /ie/	Ivan	/ie/ at the end of a syllable
	long /ie/	find	/ie/ before two consonants
ie/i e	long /ie/	bow ties inside	/ie/ in bow t ies inside
o	short /o/	orange	/o/ in orange
	long /oe/	robot	/oe/ at the end of a syllable
	long /oe/	cold	/oe/ before two consonants
	long /oe/	go	/oe/ at the end of a few short words
oe/o e	long /oe/	toe bone	/oe/ in to e bone
u	short /u/	up	/u/ in up
	long /ue/	human	/ue/ at the end of a syllable
ue/u e	long /ue/	resue cute	/ue/ in res u e the cute bird
y	long /ee/	baby	/ee/ at the end of most multi-syllable words
	short /i/	Dylan	/i/ in Dylan
	long /ie/	my	/ie/ at the end of a few short words
	long /ie/	python	Foreign /ie/ in python at the end of a Foreign syllable
ye/y e	long /ie/	goodubye clydesdale	/ie/ in Good u bye Clyde s dale