

# The Akanbi Phonics Program

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# Vowels

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a, e, i, o, u



# The Vowel Sounds

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- Short Vowels
- Long Vowels
- R-Controlled Vowels
- Diphthongs

# The Short Vowel Family

- Az-zy
- Ez-zy
- Iz-zy
- Oz-zy
- Uz-zy





# Family Favorites

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- **A**zzy loves **a**pples.
- **E**zzy likes **e**ggs.
- **I**zzy loves dill **p**ickles.
- **O**zzy loves **o**xtail soup.
- **U**zzy likes **m**ustard on everything.



# Short a (as in **a**pple)

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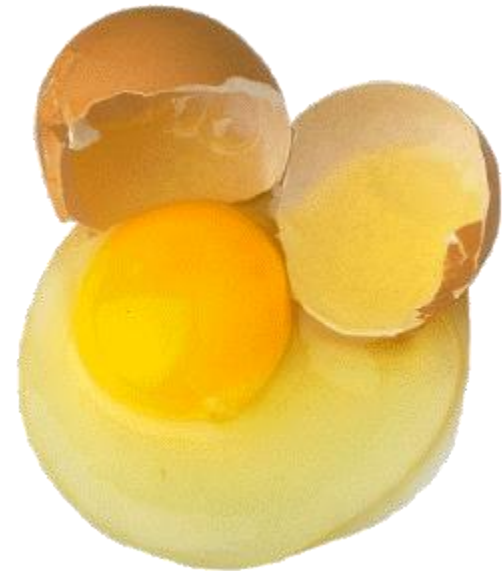
- **a**x
- **a**nt
- **a**ccident
- p**a**d
- Alas! Alan smashed  
an ant with an  
apple. That was  
nasty.



■ **a**pple

# Short e (as in egg)

- **e**levator
- **e**lephant
- **e**lf
- **be**d
- Ella the elephant does not eat eggs.
- There was an elephant in my bed.



■ **e**gg

# Short i (as in fīsh)

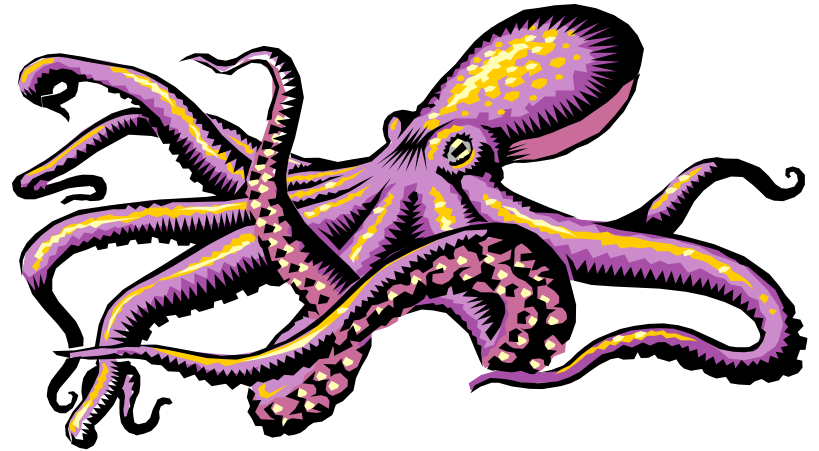
- grīts
- squīd
- ītch
- spīll
- The itsy bitsy spider  
bit the fitful iguana.
- I like to eat fish and  
grits.



■ fīsh

# Short o (as in **o**ctopus)

- **O**ctober
- **o**xtails
- **o**pera
- **b**ottle
- Octavious had oxtail soup for dinner.
- Polly ate popcorn at the opera.



■ **o**ctopus

# Short u (as in umbrella)

- **u**p
- **f**udge
- **d**ust
- **b**ug
- The bug stuck in the fudge made for a disgusting supper.



■ **u**mbrella

# The Long Vowel Family

- Aaron
- Eva
- Isaac
- Otis
- Uri





# Favorite Things to Eat

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- **A**aron loves **c**ake.
- **E**va loves **b**eets.
- **I**saac loves **i**ce cream.
- **O**tis loves **o**atmeal.
- **U**ri loves **e**ucalyptus stew.



# Long a (as in **a**corns)

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- **a**ge
- **a**pe
- **da**y
- **pa**id
- **cr**adle
- Can May make a red velvet cake?



■ **a**corns

# Long e (as in eagle)

- **E**aster
- **e**ven
- m**ea**t
- s**ee**d
- t**ea**
- Pete needs these books today please.



■ eagle

# Long i as in (ice cream)

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- ice cream
- pie
- kite
- bike
- Isaac likes to go ice skating in winter.



# Long o (as in **o**rangutan)

- **rope**
- **old**
- **boat**
- **nose**
- The old man lived on a river boat next to the seashore.



■ **o**rangutan



# Long u (as in unicorn)

- **u**se
- m**u**sic
- **f**uture
- h**u**mid
- The faun played beautiful music under the old eucalyptus tree.



■ **u**nicorn



# Find the Common Sound

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# R-Controlled Vowels (er, ir, ur)

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- er as in slippers
- ir as bird
- ur as in nurse
- Her nurse has a furry-looking bird named Sir Herb who does not like to be disturbed.



# R-Controlled Vowels (ar,or, etc.)

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- ar as in **car**
- ar-e as in **care**
- ai-r as in **chair**
- or as in **corn**
- oa-r as in **boar** and **soar**
- or-e as **bore** and **sore**



# The Diphthongs

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- oi as in **coin**
- oy as in **boy**
- au as in **taught**
- aw as in **raw**
- ou as in **mouse**
- ow as in **town**



# Make Diphthong Rhymes

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- Boil
- Toy
- Sought
- Clown
- Ring
- Paw