

Long and Short Vowel Rules

Short Vowel Rules

"When there is 1 vowel and 1 consonant it makes a short vowel sound."

CvC such as **cat**

"When there is 1 vowel and 2 consonants it makes a short vowel sound."

CvCC such as **fish**

Long vowel rules

"When two vowels go walking the first one does the talking" (and says its name)

That means when two vowels are next to each other such as **boat** Cvvc

"Silent E"

E doesn't like to do anything, makes no sound, but bosses the other vowel around. It says "say your name" example: **cake**

CvCe

"When a vowel stands alone, it makes a long vowel sound."

There is nothing after the vowel

Examples: **I, a, go**

Cv

*When talking about consonants, we only pay attention to the ones after vowels, not before.