



LETTERLAND



Pronunciation Guide for Parents

Accurate pronunciation of each letter sound is a vital factor in teaching children how to read print and how to listen for sounds and record letters needed when spelling. Letter sounds may be described in several ways. Some letter sounds can be extended and may be referred to as "prolonged or continuous." Sounds that are not prolonged or extended may be labeled as "stop sounds." In addition to these descriptions, some sounds are said with a whisper voice or with a little puff of air. Other sounds may be said in a regular voice (voiced). Please use the chart below to help your child hear consistent letter sounds at school and at home.

Letter	Sound	Prolonged	Stop	Voiced or Whispered	Example Word	Helpful Hints
а	/ă/	prolonged		voiced	ăpple	
а	/ā/	prolonged		voiced	āpron	
b	/b/		stop	voiced	Ben	Say with your mouth almost closed; try not to add "uh" after / b/
С	/c/		stop	whispered	cat	Say with a little puff of air; try not to add "uh" after /c/
d	/d/		stop	voiced	duck	Say with your mouth almost closed; try not to add "uh" after /d/
е	/ĕ/	prolonged		voiced	Ĕddy	
е	/ē/	prolonged		voiced	ēasy	
f	/f/	prolonged		whispered	fireman	Say with a continuous flow of air
g	/g/		stop	voiced	girl	Say with your mouth almost closed; try not to add "uh" after /g/

Letter	Sound	Prolonged	Stop	Voiced or Whispered	Example Word	Helpful Hints	
h	/h/	prolonged		a breath of air	hat	Say with a little breath of air	
i	/ĭ/	prolonged		Voiced	Ĭmpy		
i	/ī/	prolonged		voiced	īce cream		
j	/j/		stop	voiced	jump	Say with lips slightly rounded and stuck out. Try not to add "uh" after /j/	
k	/k/		stop	whispered	king	Say with a little puff of air; try not to add "uh" after /k/	
I	/\/	prolonged		voiced	lamp	Say with mouth almost closed with tongue lightly touching upper front teeth	
m	/m/	prolonged		voiced (nasal)	Mike	Say with closed mouth forcing air through the nose	
n	/n/	prolonged		voiced (nasal)	Nick	Say with tongue tightly pressing upper gum behind front teeth	
0	/ŏ/	prolonged		voiced	Ŏscar		
0	/ō/	prolonged		voiced	ōld		
р	/p/		stop	whispered	рирру	Say with a little puff of air; try not to add "uh" after /p/	
q	/kw/		stop	/k/ sound is whispered /w/ sound is voiced	queen	Qq is almost always followed by the letter <u>u</u>	
r	/r/	prolonged		voiced	red	Say with your mouth almost closed (not "er")	
S	/s/	prolonged		whispered	snake	Say with a continuous flow of air	
t	/t/		stop	whispered	Tess	Say with a little puff of air; try not to add "uh" after /t/	

Letter	Sound	Prolonged	Stop	Voiced or Whispered	Example Word	Helpful Hints
u	/ŭ/	prolonged		voiced	ŭmbrella	
u	/ū/	prolonged		voiced	ūniform	
v	/v/	prolonged		voiced	Vicky	Sound formed with lips and teeth; can feel vibration
w	/w/	prolonged		voiced	walrus	
x	/ks/	prolonged		whispered	fix	Say with a continuous flow of air
У	/y/	prolonged		voiced	уо-уо	
Z	/z/	prolonged		voiced	zig-zag	
sh	/sh/	prolonged		whispered	ship	Say with a little puff of air
ch	/ch/		stop	whispered	chin	Say with a little puff of air
th	/th/		stop	unvoiced / whispered	thumb	Say with a soft sound with tongue between upper and lower teeth
<u>th</u>	/ <u>th/</u>		stop	voiced	<u>th</u> at, <u>th</u> is	Say with your voice with tongue between upper and lower teeth. Can feel a slight vibration.
wh	/hw/		stop	whispered	whistle	Say with a little puff of air

Letterland Consonant Sounds by Categories									
Whispered Sounds									
Сс	Ff	Hh	Kk	Рр	Qq	Ss	Tt	Xx	
These sound from your m		r spoken with /t/ /t/."	a voice. Say	y the sounds	like a little	puff of air c	oming		
<u>Prolonge</u>	d Sound	5							
	h L	I Mrr		Ss 1, / 11111111111111 1,				Yy ^{th.}	Zz
<u>Almost C</u>	losed Mo	outh Sound	<u>ds</u>						
Bb	Dd	G	g	Ji	LI	Nn		Rr	
These are th unwanted "	ne hardest s uh" sound	sounds to say by keeping yo moving to ave	. Although t our mouth al	hey contain a most closed.	a small amo Try holdin	ount of voice g your hand	e, try to avoi	id adding an	keep
Letter	land V	Vowel S	Sounds	:	Aa 🛛	Ee I	i Oa) Uu	
Short Vo	owel So	<u>unds</u>							
Ănnie Ăļ	ople	Ĕddy Ĕlep	bhant	Ĭmpy Ĭnł	c Ŏso	car Oran	ge Ŭļ	ppy Ŭmt	orella
The breve is a small curved symbol [] sometimes placed above the vowel letters, ă, ě, ĭ, ŏ, ŭ, to indicate that the sound of the vowel letter is a short vowel sound. In Letterland, the story told to help students remember that the curved symbol shows the short sound of a vowel is that it looks like a little smile above the letters.									
Long Vo	wel Sou	unds: The	Vowel	Men					
Mr. A, the Āpron Man Mr. E, the Ēasy Magic Man Mr. I, the Īce Cream Man Mr. O, the Ōld Man Mr. U, the Ūniform Man									
The macron is a short straight line $\begin{pmatrix} \neg \end{pmatrix}$ sometimes placed above the vowel letters, $\bar{a}, \bar{e}, \bar{i}, \bar{o}, \bar{u}$, to indicate that the sound of the vowel letter is a long vowel sound and that the letter says its name. In Letterland, the story told to help students remember that the straight line shows the long sound of a vowel is that since the Vowel Men say their names in words, they like to have a line to sign their names above their letter.									

My Letterland Chart

Annie Apple	Bouncy Ben	Clever Cat	Dippy Duck
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Eddy Elephant	Firefighter Fred	Golden Girl	Harry Hat Man
e	ł	S	ĥ
Impy Ink	Jumping Jim	Kicking King	Lucy Lamp Light
4	Ĵ	k	t
Munching Mike	Noisy Nick	Oscar Orange	Peter Puppy
m	I	0	P
Quarrelsome Queen	Red Robot	Sammy Snake	Talking Tess
9	Å	S	t
Uppy Umbrella	Vicky's Vase	Walter Walrus	Fix it Max
Ũ	V	W	×
Yo-yo Man	Zig Zag Zebra		
9	Z		