

Rule Card #1

The 16 Constant Consonants

B D F H J K L M N P Q R T V X Z

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These 16 consonants usually make only one sound each. The underlined letters are *whispered*. Just *whisper* them.

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The Vowels

A E I O U W Y

The short vowel sounds are:

a as in **at**

e as in **Ed**

i as in **it**

o as in **odd**

u as in **up**

W and Y sometimes act as vowels.

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The Long Vowels

a as in **ate**

e as in **he**

i as in **hi**

o as in **open**

u (1) as in **mute**

u (2) as in **rule**

u (3) as in **put**

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The Magic E

An **e** close behind another vowel (with no more than one letter in between) usually makes the first vowel long, and the **e** is usually silent.

mad + e = made pet + e = Pete Tim + e = time

kit + e = kite hop + e = hope dud + e = dude

trade pollute label meet bike hotel fleet

tribe home pure ape drone nine tribute