

Vowels and Consonants in English

Easy Rules, Examples & Memory Tricks for Beginners

■ Quick Intro

English has 26 letters. 5 letters are vowels (A, E, I, O, U) and the remaining 21 letters are consonants.

What Are Vowels?

Vowels are letters spoken with an open mouth sound.

The 5 vowels are:

A, E, I, O, U

Examples:

- Apple → A
- Orange → O
- Umbrella → U

■ Memory Trick

“A E I O U open the mouth for you.”

Think of vowels as superstar singer letters.

What Are Consonants?

All letters except **A, E, I, O, U** are consonants.

Examples:

- Ball → B, L, L
- Cat → C, T
- Tiger → T, G, R

Quick Comparison

Feature	Vowels	Consonants
Count	5	21
Letters	A, E, I, O, U	All other letters
Sound	Open mouth	Blocked airflow

■ Quick Practice

1. Banana → Find the vowels.

Answer: A, A, A

2. Fish → Find the vowel.

Answer: I

3. Beautiful → Separate vowels and consonants.

■■ Important Notes

- Every English word contains at least one vowel sound.
- Y is usually a consonant but sometimes acts like a vowel.
- Vowels help pronunciation become smooth and easy.

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