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HOW YOU CAN LEARN TO SPELL

1. Learn to hear the sounds in words.

2. Learn the letters which stand for the sounds.

3. Look at all words to see if they are spelled the way they sound.

   a. If a word is spelled the way it sounds, you can spell it by writing the right letters for each sound.

   b. If a word is not spelled as it sounds, see how the spelling is different and remember the difference.

UNIT 1 LEARNING TO HEAR SOUNDS

How many sounds are there in a word?

Say *can*. How many sounds do you hear when you say *can*? Count the number of letters. Are there the same number of sounds and letters? (Circle: yes / no)

Say the words for which the pictures stand. Say each word slowly. Listen for the sounds and feel your mouth change as you say the sounds.

In the blank below each picture, write the number of sounds that are in the word.

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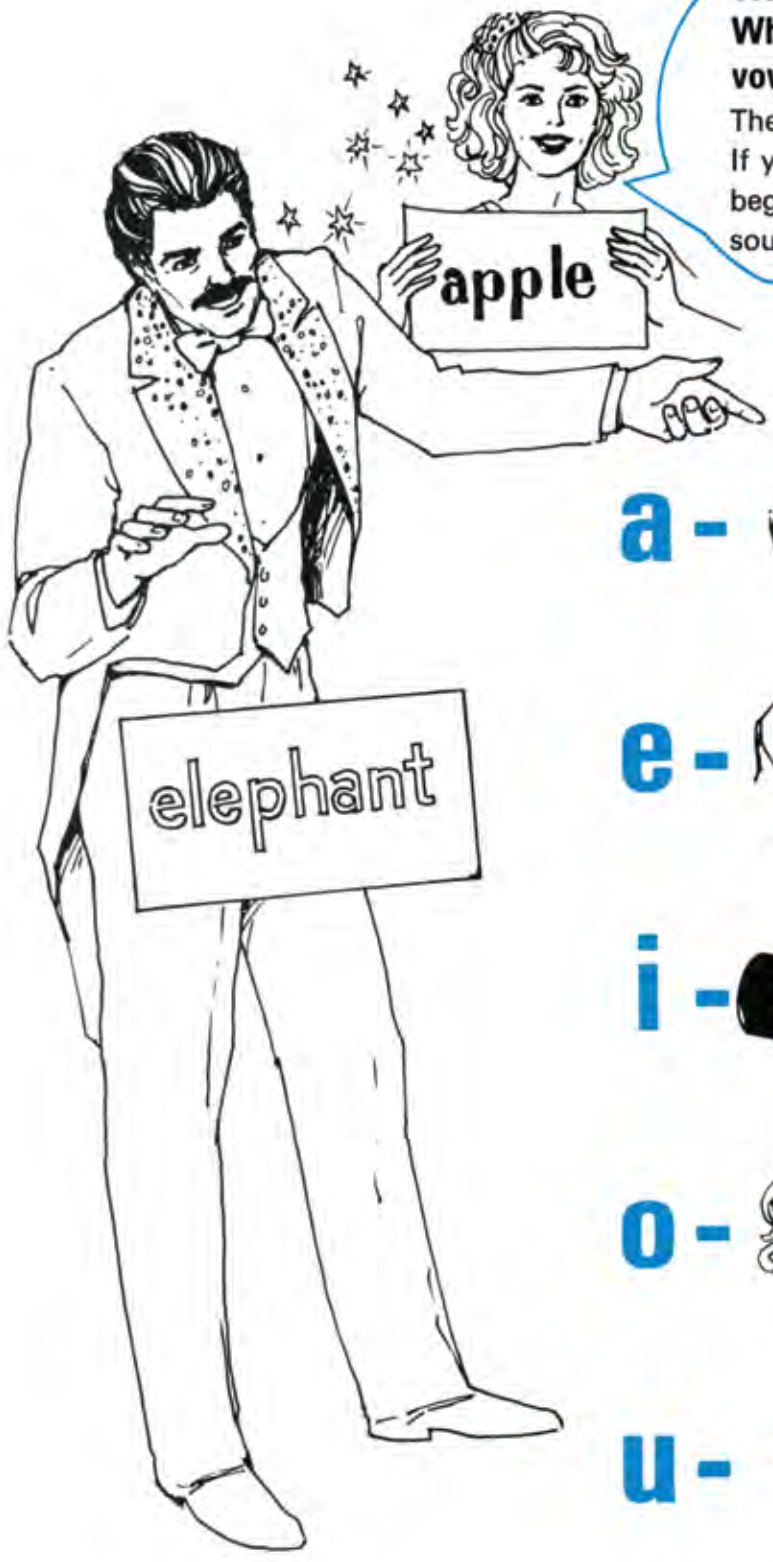
Are the number of letters and the number of sounds in a word always the same?

Say *time*. How many sounds do you hear? How many letters are there? Sometimes the number of sounds and the number of letters are the same; sometimes they are not. You need to look as well as listen.

Study the words below. Say each word slowly and listen for the sounds and feel your mouth change as you say the sounds. In the blank next to each word, write the number of sounds you hear.

3		4		5		6	
1. ate	_____	1. saw	_____	1. move	_____	1. much	_____
2. ball	_____	2. say	_____	2. took	_____	2. toy	_____
3. boy	_____	3. see	_____	3. three	_____	3. many	_____
4. cow	_____	4. she	_____	4. sleep	_____	4. happy	_____
5. bee	_____	5. tell	_____	5. they	_____	5. this	_____
6. doll	_____	6. head	_____	6. soon	_____	6. with	_____
7. eat	_____	7. time	_____	7. snow	_____	7. house	_____
8. desk	_____	8. top	_____	8. six	_____	8. easy	_____
9. good	_____	9. miss	_____	9. sick	_____	9. fish	_____
10. heel	_____	10. fell	_____	10. show	_____	10. branch	_____
11. home	_____	11. through	_____	11. class	_____	11. chair	_____
12. like	_____	12. way	_____	12. ride	_____	12. cars	_____
13. look	_____	13. will	_____	13. read	_____	13. buy	_____
14. made	_____	14. find	_____	14. straight	_____	14. each	_____
15. may	_____	15. run	_____	15. play	_____	15. *could*	_____
16. now	_____	16. wish	_____	16. out	_____	16. black	_____
17. our	_____	17. egg	_____	17. might	_____	17. red	_____



What are Vowel Sounds?
What letters are used to spell vowel sounds.

The letters *a, e, i, o,* and *u* spell vowel sounds. If you remember how these key-word pictures begin, you will always remember these vowel sounds correctly.

a - **-** This vowel letter spells the sound that starts *apple*.

e - **-** This vowel letter spells the sound that starts *elephant*.

i - **-** This vowel letter spells the sound that starts *Ink*.

o - **-** This vowel letter spells the sound that starts *octopus*.

u - **-** This vowel letter spells the sound that starts *umbrella*.

The name of each picture word has a vowel sound. Say each word. Then put a check in the vowel column that matches the word's vowel sound.

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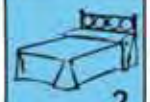 2.						8.						14.					
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UNIT 3 CONSONANT SOUNDS

How can you remember consonant sounds?

Letters other than *a, e, i, o, u* spell the consonant sounds. Do not try to say a consonant sound by itself. Remember the consonant sounds by remembering how these key words start.

The picture chart below shows seven of the consonants. There are twenty-one consonant letters in our English alphabet.

f- - This consonant letter spells the sound that starts *fish*.

h- - This consonant letter spells the sound that starts *hat*.

l- - This consonant letter spells the sound that starts *lamp*.

m- - This consonant letter spells the sound that starts *moon*.

n- - This consonant letter spells the sound that starts *nail*.

r- - This consonant letter spells the sound that starts *rabbit*.

s- - This consonant letter spells the sound that starts *sun*.

For each number below there are two pictures. Sometimes the things they show have the same beginning sound. Sometimes they do not. If they start with the *same* sound, put an X in the *S* box. If they start with *different* consonant sounds, put an X in the *D* box. The first two are done for you as samples.

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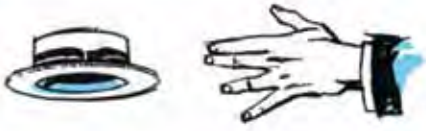
2. 

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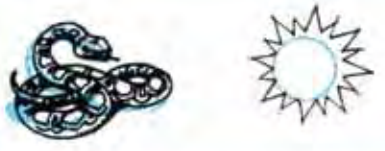
5. 

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