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Vowels - Most people consider the vowels to be A,E,I,O,U. While these letters do represent the vowels, a more accurate description can be “A speech sound made with an open mouth, a sound we can hold and yell”.

Try this: Make the /ă/ sound as in the word cat. Yell the /ă/ sound, as in the word cat, as loudly as you can. Now yell the /t/ sound as loudly as you can. 😊

Important to note: Short vowel sounds are considered closed. Generally speaking, a vowel followed by a consonant is considered short or closed. Consider the word **at**; the letter **a** is closed and makes the /ă/ sound. Use the resources on this page to find materials and activities to teach the short vowel sounds.

Short Vowels				
ă	 apple	 ant	 cat	 jam
ĕ	 egg	 elephant	 nest	 net
ĭ	 igloo	 inchworm	 fish	 pig
ŏ	 ox	 octopus	 dog	 top
ŭ	 umbrella	 under	 bus	 rug