



Long and Short Vowel Sounds

Today's Standard

2.RF.3a - Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Reading simple stories and identifying vowel sounds; Using flashcards to practice vowel sounds; Playing vowel sound matching games; Sorting words by long and short vowel sounds; Reading aloud and identifying vowel sounds in everyday text

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about long and short vowel sounds. Long vowels say their name, like 'a' in 'cake', and short vowels have a different sound, like 'a' in 'cat'.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think all vowels sound the same, but they don't. Another common mistake is thinking that spelling always tells us the vowel sound. We learned how to tell the difference today.

Quiz Me

- What does a long 'a' sound like?
- Can you give me a word with a short 'e' sound?
- What is the sound of the vowel in 'bike'?
- Is the 'o' in 'top' long or short?
- Can you find a long vowel in this sentence?

Help Me

Understanding vowel sounds helps us read better. For example, when you see the word 'cake', you know the 'a' sounds like its name. But in 'cat', the 'a' sounds different. This helps us read words correctly.