

# **Vowel Sounds and Spellings**

## Today's Standard

K.RF.3b - Associate the long and short sounds with the common spellings (graphemes) for the five major vowels.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Recognizing vowel sounds in spoken words; Identifying vowels in written words; Practicing with flashcards showing vowels and corresponding sounds; Using vowel sound games and apps; Reading simple books focusing on vowel sounds; Writing words and highlighting vowels; Singing songs that emphasize vowel sounds

## Today I Learned

Today we learned about vowel sounds and how they can be long or short. We practiced matching these sounds with their letters: A, E, I, O, and U.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes kids mix up long and short vowel sounds. They might also think vowels always make the same sound. We can help by showing examples and practicing with fun games.

#### Quiz Me

- What are the five vowels?
- Can you say a word with a long 'A' sound?
- Can you say a word with a short 'E' sound?
- What sound does the vowel 'I' make in the word 'sit'?
- What sound does the vowel 'O' make in the word 'go'?

# Help Me

Vowels can make different sounds in words. For example, the letter 'A' sounds different in 'cat' and 'cake'. We use these sounds to help us read and spell words. You can practice by reading books and playing games that focus on vowel sounds.