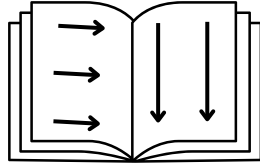
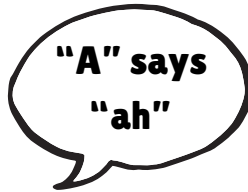
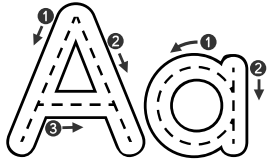


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Short Vowels

Learning words with short vowels, usually with consonants. Consonant-Vowel-Consonant (CVC) words (ex: cat, bed).

Si**p**

Po**t**

Consonant Blends

Words with two consonants together. Each sound can be heard, but they blend together (ex: bl, fr, sm, spl, dw, nd, st).

Swim

Pest

Consonant Digraphs

Words with two consonants together. Only one sound is heard (sh, ch, th, wh).

Ship

That

Silent E or “Magic E”

Words that end in “e” change the middle vowel to a long vowel sound (ex: pin vs. pine).

Tap → **Tape**

Vowel Teams

Two vowels together make one, initial long-vowel sound (ex: eat, oap). “When two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking.” See *Vowel Diphthongs* for other ways vowels work together.

Mail

Feet

R-Controlled Vowels

Vowels followed by “r” change their sounds (ex: her, fur).

Bird

Her

Diphthongs

Two vowel sounds together that form a **new** vowel sound (ex: aw, au, ew, oo, oi, oy, ow, ou).

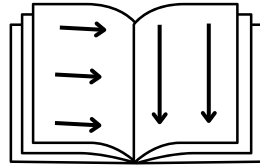
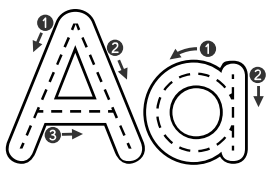
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Cloud

Straw

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Sip

Pot

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