

# Phonics

## 6 Easy Steps to Reading



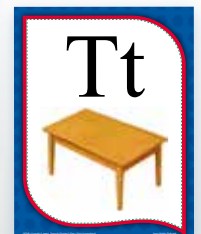
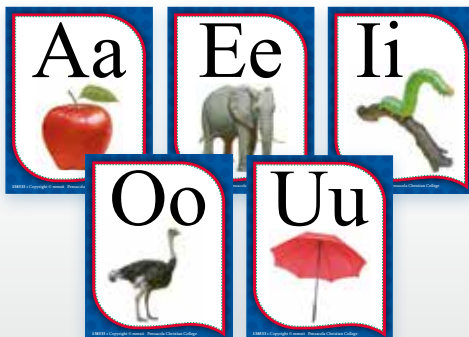
# 1

Learn to recognize the short vowels and their sounds.



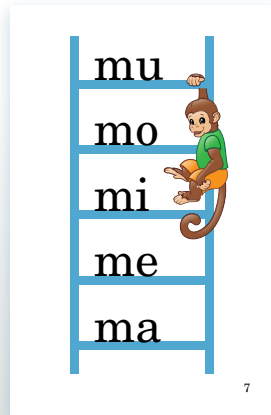
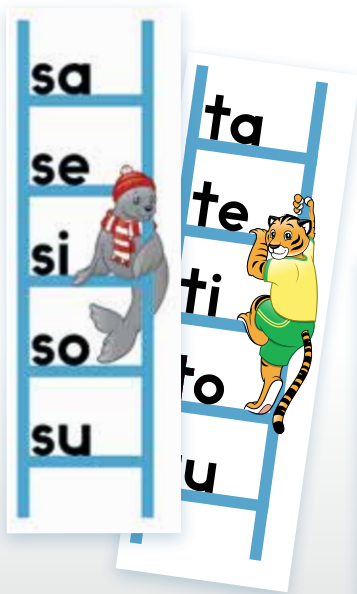
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Learn to recognize the consonants and their sounds.



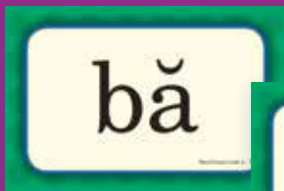
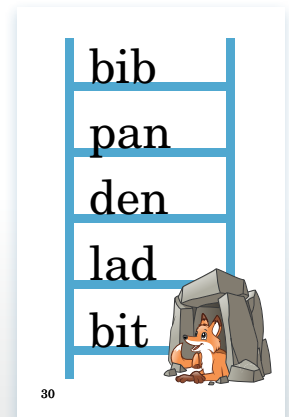
# 3 Learn to blend.

Blending the sounds of a consonant and a vowel is the first step to reading words.



# 4 Learn to sound one-vowel words.

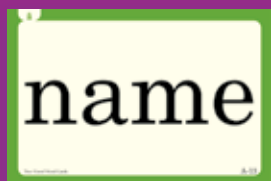
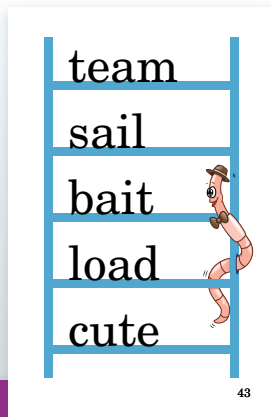
When there is one vowel in a word, it usually says its short sound.



**Note:** Sight words cannot be pronounced entirely by phonetic analysis. Children learn to recognize sight words such as *the*, *I*, and *a*.

# 5 Learn the sounds of the long vowels. Learn to sound two-vowel words.

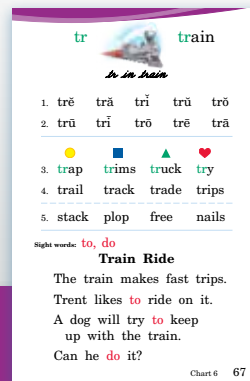
When there are two vowels in a word, the first vowel says its long sound, and the second vowel is silent.



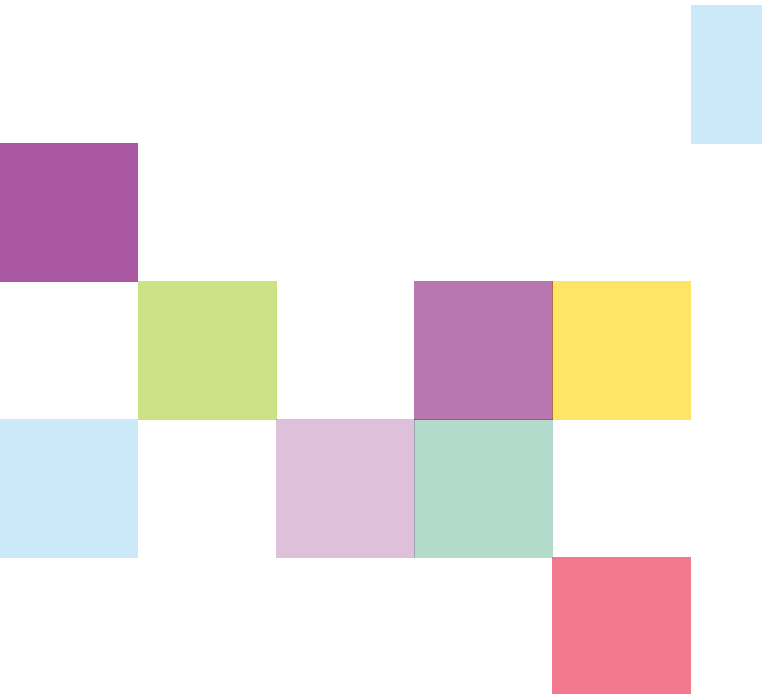
# 6 Learn and apply the special phonics sounds.

The Abeka phonics program contains 132 special sounds (often called phonics rules), such as those listed below:

*bl* in block      *ang* in bang  
*ear* in bear      *gl* in glue  
*cr* in crab      *ay* in pray  
*alk* in walk      *str* in stream



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