

VOWEL CHART & PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Short Vowels	
a	apple
e	egg
i	iguana
o	octopus
u	umbrella

Long Vowels	
ā	apron
ē	easel
ī	ice cream
ō	overalls
ū	unicorn

Long vowels say their name.

Long vowels are indicated by a macron above the vowel (little lines: ā ē ī ō ū). All other vowels are short.

If 2 of the same vowels are side-by-side, the sound is sustained (prolonged). This rule applies to both long and short vowels.

h - Following a vowel, softens the syllable
This is done by placing your tongue behind your **LOWER** front teeth

ñ - Are nasalized
This is done by placing your tongue behind your **LOWER** front teeth

r - All r's are rolled
This is done by placing your tongue behind your **UPPER** front teeth

Syllables are indicated by different colours