

Application and Reasoning

Step 1: What is a Vowel?

Teaching Note:

The focus of this step is on recognition of the vowels and vowel sounds so words from the Year 2 spelling list have been included for the Expected level as these will be familiar to the children.

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G1.8) [vowel](#)

English Year 3: (3G1.8) [vowel letter](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Use the picture as a prompt to write a 4-letter word. Includes one vowel per word using CVC/CVCC/CCVC words.

Expected Use the picture as a prompt to write a word of 6 letters or more. Includes more than one vowel per word. Words from the Year 2 spelling list.

Greater Depth Use the picture as a prompt to write a word of 7 letters or more. Includes more than one vowel per word with one unstressed vowel which is not heard. Words from the Year 3/4 spelling list.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Identify 3 words which fit given criteria. Includes one vowel per word and a word bank. Using CVC/CVCC/CCVC words.

Expected Identify 3 words which fit given criteria. Includes two vowels per word. Vowels given.

Greater Depth Identify 3 words which fit given criteria. Includes two vowels per word.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Identify and explain which statement about the number of vowels in a word is correct. Using CVC/CVCC/CCVC words.

Expected Identify and explain which statement about long or short vowel sounds is correct. Most words from Year 2 spelling list with some from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list.

Greater Depth Identify and explain which statement about unstressed vowels is correct. Words from the Year 3/4 spelling list.

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What is a Vowel?

1a. Write a 4-letter word with 1 vowel to match the picture below.



l _ _ _

Underline the vowel.



A

What is a Vowel?

1b. Write a 4-letter word with 1 vowel to match the picture below.



s _ _ _

Underline the vowel.



A

2a. Molly is thinking of a word.

The word has 4 letters and includes the vowel 'e'.

Use the word bank to write 3 words that Molly could be thinking of.

- _____
- _____
- _____

best
step
sheep
then



A

2b. Stan is thinking of a word.

The word has 4 letters and includes the vowel 'o'.

Use the word bank to write 3 words that Stan could be thinking of.

- _____
- _____
- _____

stop
jump
frog
golf



A

3a. Jakub says,



The word 'push' has a long vowel sound.

Ava says,

The word 'push' has a short vowel sound.



Who is correct? Explain your reasoning.



R

3b. Habiba says,



The word 'flag' has a short vowel sound.

Isaac says,

The word 'flag' has a long vowel sound.



Who is correct? Explain your reasoning.



R

What is a Vowel?

4a. Write an 8-letter word with 2 vowels to match the picture below.



c _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Underline the vowels.



A

What is a Vowel?

4b. Write a 6-letter word with 3 vowels to match the picture below.



p _ _ _ _ _

Underline the vowels.



A

5a. James is thinking of a word.

The word has 5 letters including the vowels 'o' and 'a'.

Write 3 words that James could be thinking of.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



A

5b. Nafisa is thinking of a word.

The word has 5 letters including the vowels 'i' and 'e'.

Write 3 words that Nafisa could be thinking of.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



A

6a. Lauren says,



The word 'made' has a long vowel sound.

Dan says,

The word 'made' has a short vowel sound.



Who is correct? Explain your reasoning.



R

6b. Kasim says,



The word 'kind' has a short vowel sound.

Julia says,

The word 'kind' has a long vowel sound.



Who is correct? Explain your reasoning.



R

What is a Vowel?

7a. Write a 7-letter word which includes 2 vowels to match the picture below.



b _ _ _ _ _

Underline the vowels.



A

What is a Vowel?

7b. Write an 8-letter word which includes 4 vowels to match the picture below.



e _ _ _ _ _

Underline the vowels.



A

8a. Surinder is thinking of a word.

The word has 6 letters and 2 vowels.

Write 3 words that Surinder could be thinking of.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



A

8b. Millie is thinking of a word.

The word has 7 letters and 2 vowels.

Write 3 words that Millie could be thinking of.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



A

9a. Ying Hui says,



The word 'increase' has four vowel sounds.

Benjamin says,

The word 'increase' has two vowel sounds.



Who is correct? Explain your reasoning.



R

9b. Amelia says,



The word 'separate' has four vowel sounds.

Awais says,

The word 'separate' has three vowel sounds.



Who is correct? Explain your reasoning.



R

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Developing

- 1a. lamp,
- 2a. best, step, then
- 3a. Ava is correct. Push has a short 'u' vowel sound and no split digraph to make it a long vowel sound.

Expected

- 4a. children
- 5a. Various answers, for example: boats, float, chaos
- 6a. Lauren is correct. Made has the split digraph a-e which makes a long 'a' sound.

Greater Depth

- 7a. bicycle
- 8a. Various answers, for example: floats, litter, flutes
- 9a. Benjamin is correct. Increase has two vowel sounds – a short i vowel sound and a long ea vowel sound. The last letter e is silent.

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Developing

- 1b. ship,
- 2b. stop, frog, golf
- 3b. Habiba is correct. Flag has a short a vowel sound and no split digraph to make it a long vowel sound.

Expected

- 4b. people
- 5b. Various answers, for example: piece, field, chief
- 6b. Julia is correct. Kind has a long vowel sound, even though it doesn't have a split digraph.

Greater Depth

- 7b. exercise
- 8b. Various answers, for example: monster, nothing, perfect
- 9b. Awais is correct. Separate has three vowel sounds – a short e vowel sound, a short a vowel sound and a long a-e split digraph vowel sound.