

# Varied Fluency

## Step 1: What is a Vowel?

### Teaching Note:

As the focus of this step is the recognition of vowels and vowel sounds, we have included familiar words from the Year 2 spelling list in the Expected level.

### National Curriculum Objectives:

Terminology for pupils:

- (3G1.8) [vowel](#)
- (3G1.8) [vowel letter](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support identifying and using vowels in CVC/CVCC/CCVC words. Includes some pictorial support.

**Expected** Questions to support identifying and using vowels in words. Most words from Year 2 spelling list with some words from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list. Includes more than one vowel per word and some pictorial support.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support identifying and using vowels in words. Words from Year 3 and 4 spelling list. Includes words with more than one vowel and no pictorial support.

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## What is a Vowel?

1a. Underline the vowels in the words below.

lock

duck

cat

pet

hiss



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## What is a Vowel?

1b. Underline the vowels in the words below.

path

but

both

then

pit



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2a. Circle the word below which does not contain a vowel letter.

frog

sack

fly



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2b. Circle the word below which does not contain a vowel letter.

pull

cry

dog



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3a. Add the missing vowels to the words below.

f \_ x



sw \_ m



cr \_ b



pl \_ m



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3b. Add the missing vowels to the words below.

h \_ nd



dr \_ m



p \_ n



pr \_ m



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4a. Circle the words that use the short 'i' vowel sound in the sentences below.

A. My pet pig is big.

B. The dog can swim in the pond.

C. The crib is pink.



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4b. Circle the words that use the short 'u' vowel sound in the sentences below.

A. My cup is full.

B. The cat can jump in the tub.

C. My mum went to work.



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## What is a Vowel?

5a. Underline the vowels in the words below.

often

children

although

everybody

because



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## What is a Vowel?

5b. Underline the vowels in the words below.

behind

people

could

circle

learn



VF

6a. Circle the word below which does not contain a vowel letter.

water great myth



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6b. Circle the word below which does not contain a vowel letter.

again hymn sugar



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7a. Add the missing vowels to the words below.

cl\_ th\_ s



\_ x\_ rc\_ s\_



w\_ m\_ n



p\_ r\_ nts



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7b. Add the missing vowels to the words below.

\_ \_ ght

8

st\_ k



m\_ n\_ t\_



b\_ cycl\_



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8a. Circle the words that use the long 'i' vowel sound in the sentences below.

- A. What time will our cousins arrive?
- B. The police officer asked us to describe the suspect.
- C. My dream holiday would be on a beautiful island.



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8b. Circle the words that use the long 'o' vowel sound in the sentences below.

- A. Most of us were told to be quiet.
- B. We only have half an hour to finish our painting.
- C. Some people can eat a whole pizza in one go.



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## What is a Vowel?

9a. Underline the vowels in the words below.

actually

separate

favourite

extreme

business



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## What is a Vowel?

9b. Underline the vowels in the words below.

mention

peculiar

material

imagine

question



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10a. Circle the word below which does not contain a vowel letter.

rhythm busy height



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10b. Circle the word below which does not contain a vowel letter.

guard spry library



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11a. Add the missing vowels to the words below.

h\_ \_ ght

c\_l\_nd\_r

p\_p\_l\_r

p\_ss\_bl\_



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11b. Add the missing vowels to the words below.

m\_d\_c\_n\_

d\_ff\_c\_l\_t

p\_s\_t\_ \_n

s\_rpr\_s\_



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12a. Circle the words that use the long 'e' vowel sound in the sentences below.

- A. Some people believe that fairies are real.
- B. Please complete your work before you go outside.
- C. Do you remember our recent conversation?



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12b. Circle the words that use the long 'a' vowel sound in the sentences below.

- A. My favourite number is eight because it is even.
- B. The famous racehorse ran straight across the finish line to victory.
- C. Queen Elizabeth II's reign is the longest in our history.



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### Developing

- 1a. lock, uck, at, et, hiss  
2a. fly  
3a. fox, swim, crab, plum  
4a. A – pig, is, big; B – swim, in; C – crib, is, pink

### Expected

- 5a. often, children, although, everybody, becaeuse  
6a. myth  
7a. clouthes, exercise, woman, parents  
8a. A – time, arrive; B – describe; C – island

### Greater Depth

- 9a. actually, separate, favourite, extreme, business  
10a. rhythm  
11a. height, calendar, popular, possible  
12a. A – people, believe, fairies, real; B – please, complete, before; C – remember, recent

## Varied Fluency What is a Vowel?

### Developing

- 1b. path, but, both, then, pit  
2b. cry  
3b. hand, drum, pen, pram  
4b. A – cup, full; B – jump, tub; C – mum

### Expected

- 5b. behind, people, could, circle, learn  
6b. hymn  
7b. eight, steak, minute, bicycle  
8b. A – most, told; B – only; C – whole, go

### Greater Depth

- 9b. mention, peculiar, material, image, question  
10b. spry  
11b. medicine, difficult, position, surprise  
12b. A – favourite, eight; B – famous, racehorse, straight; C – reign