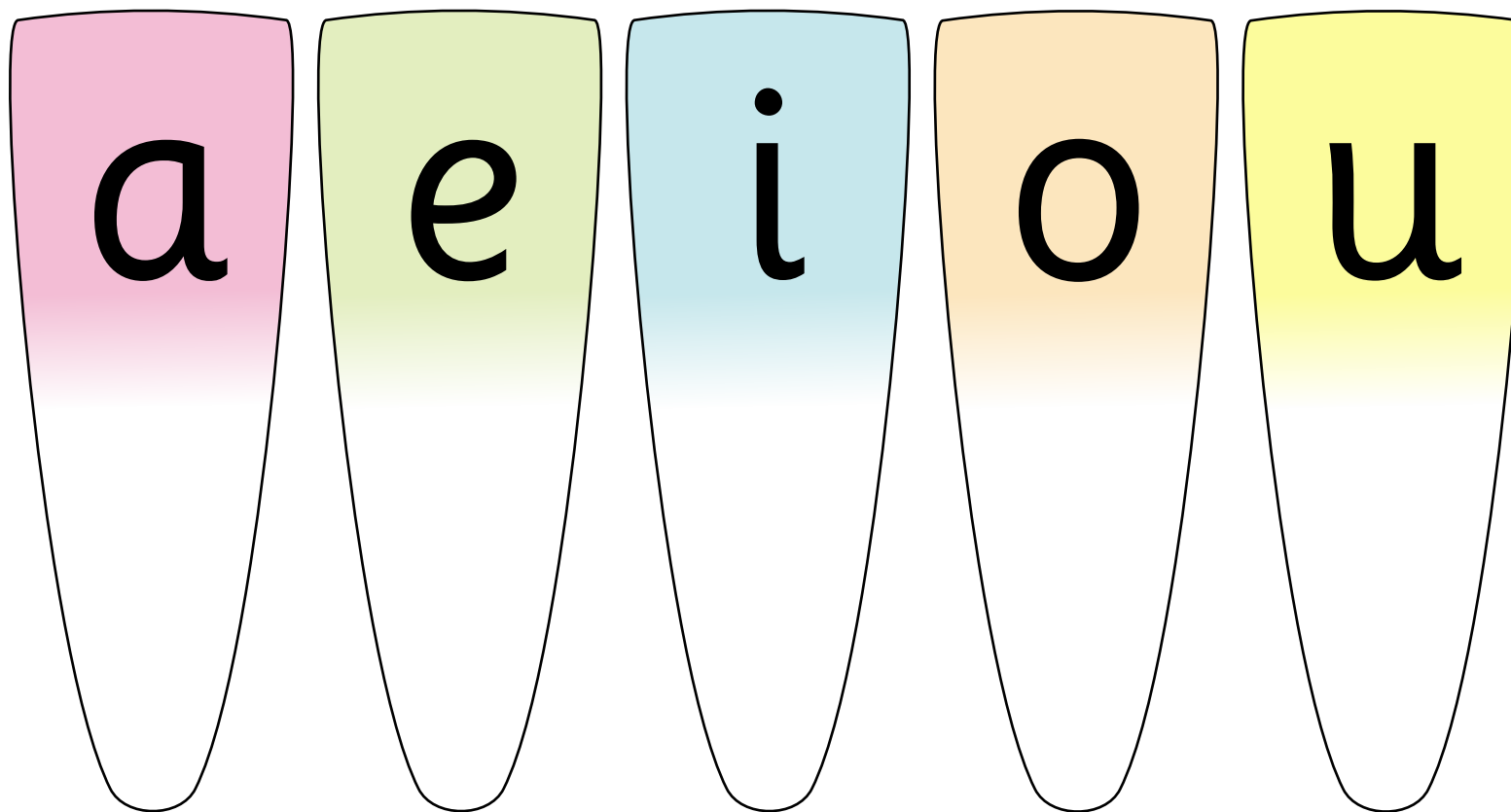


Finding unstressed vowels



Identifying unstressed vowels

Print, laminate and assemble the segments below into vowel fans.

Call out a polysyllabic word that includes an unstressed vowel (some examples are given overleaf). Pupils should then use their fans to show which is the vowel sound that they cannot hear or is not said within the word.

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Example words with unstressed vowels

abandoned
animal
category
conference
dictionary
explanatory
flattery
generally
widening
library
marvellous
abominable
description
catholic
offering
difference
extra
smuggler
generous
interest
literacy
miserable
original
boundary
poisonous
deafening

different
factory
formal
Wednesday
disinterest
literate
memorable
predict
business
centre
desperate
doctor
family
freedom
heaven
interested
illiterate
reference
familiar
stationary
company
definite
prosperous
secretary
frightening
hospital

jewellery
literature
messenger
carpet
stationery
compromise
definitely
easily
primary
general
separate
voluntary
lottery
prepare

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abandoned	animal	category	conference
dictionary	explanatory	flattery	generally
widening	library	marvellous	abominable
description	catholic	offering	difference
extra	smuggler	generous	interest
literacy	miserable	original	boundary

Sorting word cards

Print these words onto card (or laminate) and cut out. (We've included small and large cards).

Use these for pupils to sort by various criteria. Children can decide on their own groupings - they could be sorted by unstressed vowel, number of syllables, word length etc.

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poisonous	deafening	different	factory
formal	Wednesday	disinterest	literate
memorable	predict	business	centre
desperate	doctor	family	freedom
heaven	interested	illiterate	reference
familiar	stationary	company	definite
prosperous	secretary	frightening	hospital
jewellery	literature	messenger	carpet

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stationery	compromise	definitely	easily
primary	general	separate	voluntary
lottery	prepare		

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abandoned	animal	category
dictionary	explanatory	flattery
widening	library	marvellous
description	catholic	offering
extra	smuggler	generous
literacy	miserable	original

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conference	poisonous	deafening
generally	formal	Wednesday
abominable	memorable	predict
difference	desperate	doctor
interest	heaven	interested
boundary	familiar	stationary

Finding unstressed vowels

different	prosperous	secretary
disinterest	jewellery	literature
business	frightening	hospital
family	messenger	carpet
illiterate	stationery	compromise
company	primary	general

Finding unstressed vowels

definitely	easily
separate	voluntary
lottery	prepare