

## 8. Vowel Cheer

Give me a long A - /a/ (Open palm and make a straight movement in front of your body.)

Give me a short A - /a/a/ (Make a curve down and up in front of your body.)

Give me a long E...I...O...U...

Now let's do the vowel beat. (Clap twice.)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet. (Stomp twice.)

Long A - /a/, Short A - /a/

Raise your arms high and swing them down low. (Hands up high and then down.)

The E vowel sound is the way to go.

Long E - /e/, Short E - /e/ (Form the macron and breve with your hand as you sing.)

Hop 2 steps up and 2 steps back. (Hop forwards and then backwards.)

With the I vowel, you're right on track.

Long I - /i/, Short I - /i/

Step to the left, step to the right. (Step to the left and then right.)

The O vowel sound is out of sight.

Long O - /o/, Short O - /o/

Shout it out loud and whisper it low. (Shout and then whisper.)

Just the U vowel sound to go.

Long U - /u/, Short U - /u/

Now give high five to a nearby friend. (Dance around and give high fives to friends.)

The vowel beat has come to an end.

Yeah! Vowels!

Activities: Make diacritical marks with your hands to reinforce phonemes.

Use a T-chart to sort words with long and short vowel sounds.