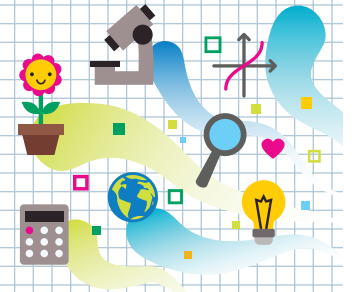




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Digging Up Vowel Sounds



Instructions for Set-Up

Supplies

- “Guide for Families” handout
- Clear plastic standup display (optional)
- “Long and Short Vowel Sounds Shovels” handout
- “Long and Short Vowel Sounds Sand Pails Labels” handout
- Scissors
- Tape
- 2 medium-sized sand pails
- Large 9-inch by 13-inch tray
- Pony beads, noodles or sand (enough to fill the tray about half way)
- Display table

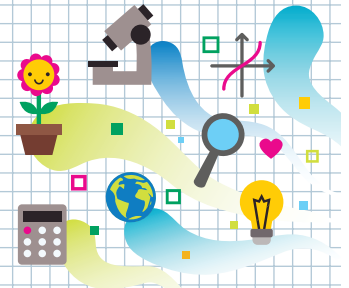
Activity Preparation

- ▶ Purchase or locate items on supply list.
- ▶ Print one copy of the “Guide for Families” handout. Laminate or place in a clear plastic standup display to allow participants to see it more readily.
- ▶ Print the “Long and Short Vowel Sounds Shovels” handout on durable paper or laminate. Cut words apart.
- ▶ Print the “Long and Short Vowel Sounds Sand Pail Labels” handout on durable paper or laminate. Cut apart. Tape each of the labels to a sand pail.
- ▶ Fill up the tray half way with beads, noodles or sand.
- ▶ Set up the display table and arrange needed supplies.





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Digging Up Vowel Sounds Guide for Families

Learning Objectives

What you need to know:

A **vowel** is a letter that makes a distinct sound by itself.

The vowels are **a, e, i, o** and **u** and sometimes **y**.

Vowels make two different sounds, short and long. When a vowel says its name, it makes a long vowel sound. Vowels also make a short sound but sometimes they are silent. The sound the vowel makes depends on where the vowel falls in a word.

What you will do and learn:

In this activity, you will review short and long vowel sounds by placing each word into the correct bucket.

Instructions

1. From the tray, “dig” up a word.
2. Read the word on the card aloud.
3. Decide if it has a long or short vowel sound. Place that word into the corresponding sand pail.
4. Keep trying until you have placed all of the words into the correct sand pail.

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Long and Short Vowel Sounds Sand Pails Labels Handout

Short Vowel Sounds



Long Vowel Sounds



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Long and Short Vowel Sounds Shovels Handout

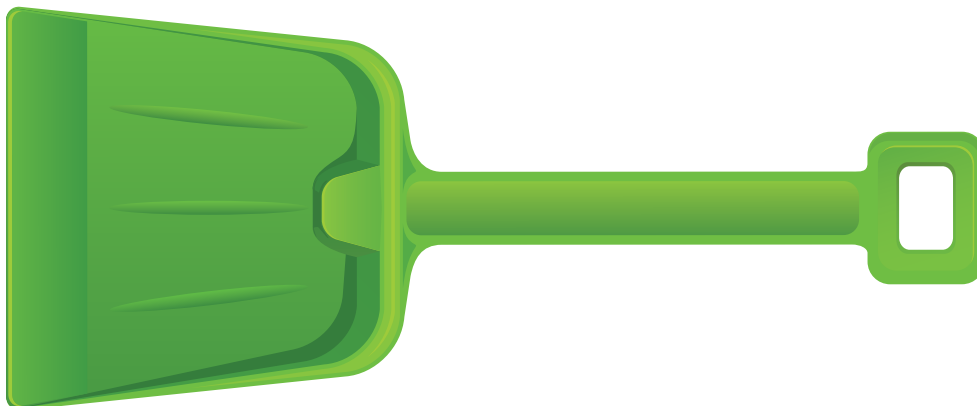
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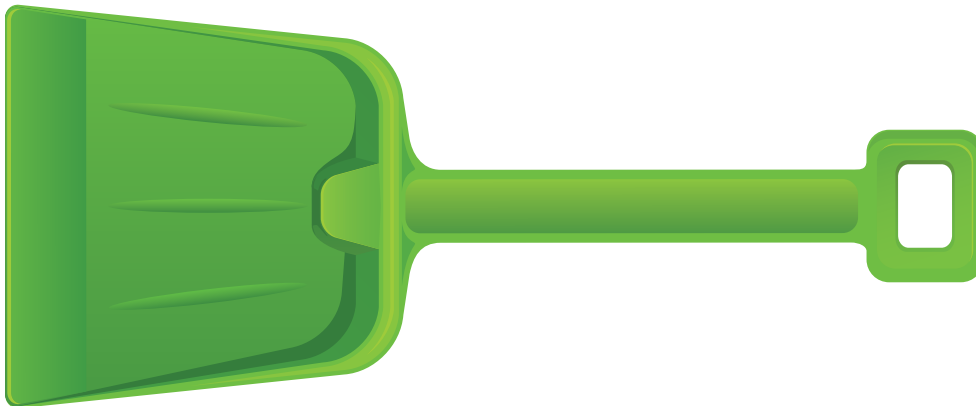
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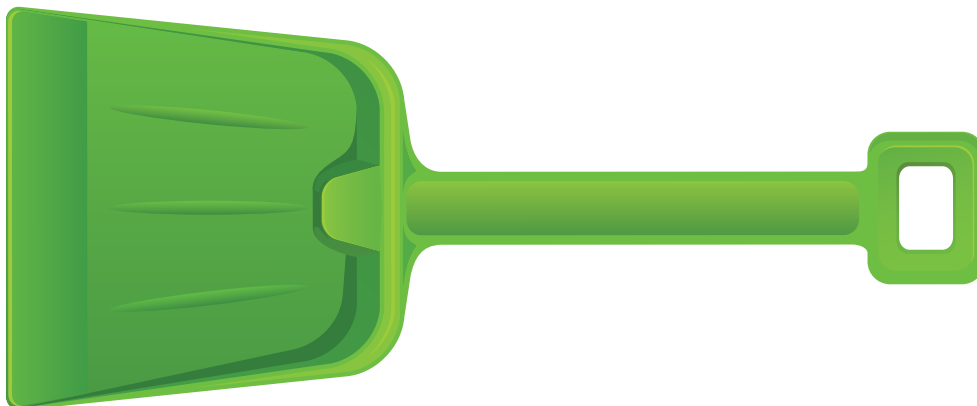
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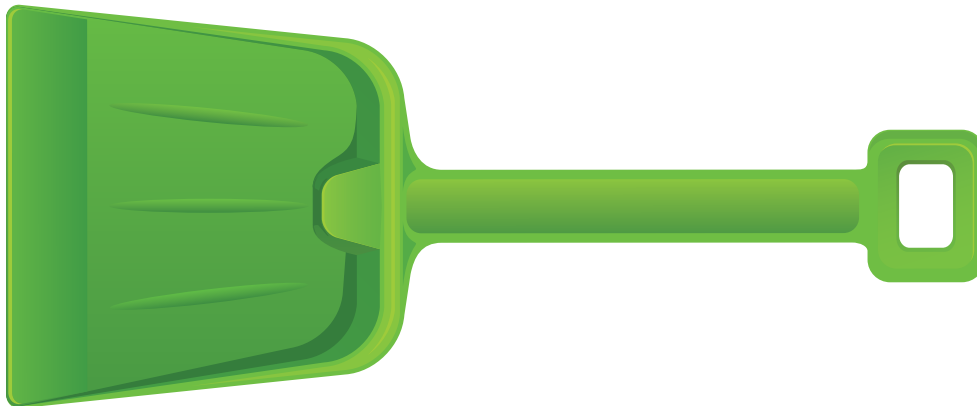
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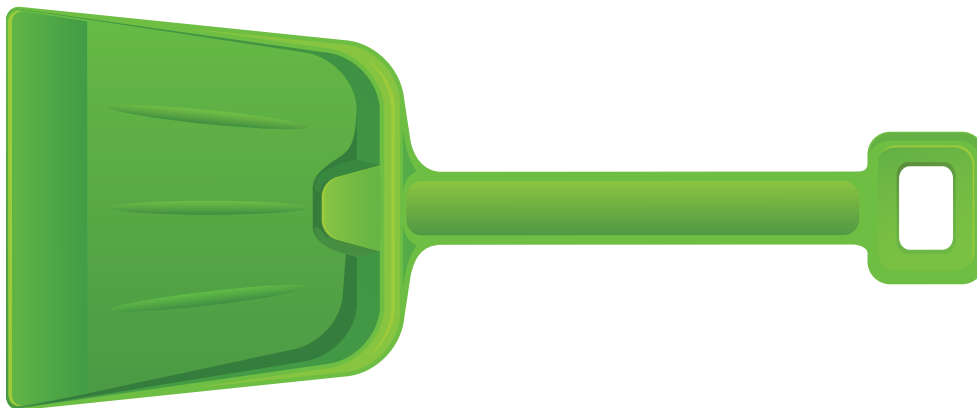
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