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What is Long Vowels

Unlocking the Power of Long Vowels in Reading!

DEFINITION

> Long vowels are vowel sounds that say their name, like 'a' in 'cake'. They often occur in words with silent letters or specific patterns.

KEY CONCEPTS

Vowel Teams

Two vowels together can create a long vowel sound, like 'ai' in 'rain'.

Silent E

When an 'e' is at the end of a word, it often makes the preceding vowel long, like in 'make'.

Open Syllables

A syllable that ends with a vowel sound often has a long vowel, such as 'go'.

R-Controlled Vowels

Sometimes, vowels followed by 'r' can also create long vowel sounds, like 'or' in 'for'.

Diphthongs

A combination of two vowel sounds in one syllable can create a long sound, like 'ou' in 'out'.

EXAMPLES

→ cake, bike, tree

→ boat, team, ride

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'silent e' makes the vowel say its name!

★ Vowel teams are like best friends that stick together.

★ Think of open syllables as doors that let the vowel out!

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing long vowels with short vowels.

✗ Not recognizing silent 'e' at the end of words.

✗ Mispronouncing vowel teams as separate sounds.

QUICK RECAP

Long vowels say their name and can be found in various patterns. Remember vowel teams, silent 'e', and open syllables to identify them. Practice with examples to master long vowel sounds!