

Marking Words for Reading

Corresponds to the
A Beka Phonics Method

Before marking,

Students must know . . .

- the sounds of the consonants.
- the short vowel sounds of a, e, i, o, u.
- the long vowel sounds of a, e, i, o, u.

Short vowels say



apple



elephant



indian



ostrich



umbrella

Long vowels say



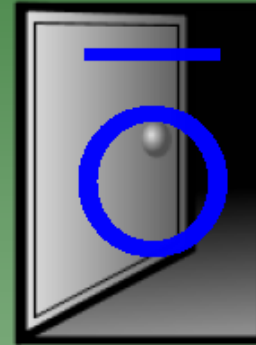
acorn



eagle



ice cream



open



uniform

Mark the Blend

A blend is made up of the starting consonant(s) sound and a vowel.

Students underline the blend:

cat

Marking a short vowel

A word with one vowel usually has a short vowel sound.

Place a smile above a short vowel.

caˆt

Marking a long vowel

A word with two vowels usually has a long vowel sound.

Place a stick above a long vowel.

cāke

Marking a long vowel

In a word with two vowels, the first says its long sound. The second vowel is silent.

Draw a slash through a silent vowel.

cāke / cōat

Marking a special sound

Special sounds are groups of letters which work together.

Draw a circle around a special sound.

