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The Sounds /a/, /i/, /o/

The Unit words show ways to spell the short vowel sounds /a/, /i/, and /o/. Each short vowel sound is often spelled with one letter.

- Spell /a/ with a as in damp.
- Spell /i/ with i as in brick.
- Spell /o/ with o as in fond.

/a/ spelled a

damp
track
bandage
brand
ramp
lamp
task
strap

/i/ spelled i

brick
twin
slid
split
string
film
swift

/o/ spelled o

fond
plot
prop
crop

In the word aunt, the vowel sound a is spelled au.

2

The Sounds /e/ and /u/

The Unit words show two ways to spell the short vowel sound /e/.
They also show two ways to spell the short vowel sound /u/.

- Spell /e/ with e as in press.
- Spell /e/ with ea as in breath.

/e/ spelled e

press

cent

spend

self

melt

/e/ spelled ea

breath

spread

ready

meant

bread

- Spell /u/ with u as in trust.
- Spell /u/ with o as in month.

/u/ spelled u

trust
pumpkin
stunt
bulb
struck
drug
dump

/u/ spelled o

month
comfort
among