## Title: Learning to Read the Newspaper through Vowel Review

## Objectives <br> Time frame to Complete

- To identify short and long vowel sounds in words
- To increase ability to sound out new words
- To increase vocabulary
- To be able to successfully read a newspaper article

Teacher instruction - 5-10 minutes
Student work can be a set time or until finished.

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## Standard(s) Addressed in Lesson

Read with Understanding

## Benchmark(s) Addressed in Lesson

R.2.3. Identify and apply decoding skills (phonics, sight words, etc.) to read words.

## Materials

Cut out newspaper articles or newspaper pages
Vowel chart (included with this lesson plan)
Pencil

## Learner Prior Knowledge

The learner should know short and long vowel sounds and have had some practice in sounding out words.

## Activities

Step 1 Have student pick out a newspaper article or find one on a newspaper page. Distribute the vowel chart.
Step 2 Explain to student that he will go through the article and write down words that he found in the correct column for short or long vowels. For example, if the student found the word "camp" it would be written under the short a. If the student found the word "understand", it could be written under the short u for "under" or the short a for "stand". The student should underline the part of the word he/she used for categorizing the vowel sound. If the student finds a word that he does not know, then it is written on the back of the chart paper. The student should try to fill the chart, but does not have to categorize the entire article.

Step 3 The teacher needs to tell the student if this assignment should be finished in a certain amount of time or if it is something to be brought out when other assignments are completed.

Step 4 Once the student is finished, he must make sure that he can read all the words on the chart. Then the student is to try to read the article. When the student feels confident, then the words are read to the teacher, including working out the words on the back of the chart that were not known. Then the student reads the newspaper article to the teacher.

## Assessment/Evidence

The chart is checked by the teacher to see if the student can correctly categorize vowel sounds. Teacher listens to student read the words and article for assessment.

## Adaptations for Beginning Students

Teacher will work with the student to help with vowel sounds until the student understands and can proceed by himself.

## Adaptations for Advanced Students

After completing the first chart, the student can try to read other newspaper articles by himself without charting.

## Teacher Reflection/Lesson Evaluation

This lesson works only for those students who can hear the vowel sounds. If the teacher notices frustration, then skip the charting and have the student write down the words that are not known. Concentrate on learning those words as sight words.

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