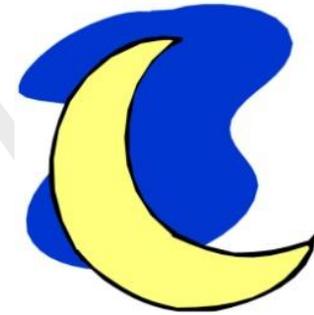




READING WORKS

Vowels

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Vowels - stage one

NOTE: Letters in blue are not an exact fit to the sound being discussed, but are included for discussion.



raft



fly

30 vowel sounds are set out in three graded stages:

Stage One: the vowel letters and sounds are shown with a word example and its picture.

Stage Two: each vowel letter and sound as before but with a simple sentence added.

Stage Three: as in Stage 2 but with a complex sentence to exemplify each sound.

*In the first section of this book on Vowels, the concept that there is more than one sound per vowel is introduced. The letter a, for example has seven different sounds, including the schwa. (The relatively unknown but vitally important schwa is introduced here for each of the vowels, including y as a vowel. See **The Schwa** book for greater depth and additional examples.) Later in this book more complex sentences are provided for the developing reader. Teacher/parent help will turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.*

a a

a as in *hat*

astronaut



a a

ar as in *car*

raft



a a

ay as in *say*

acorn



a a

o as in *on*

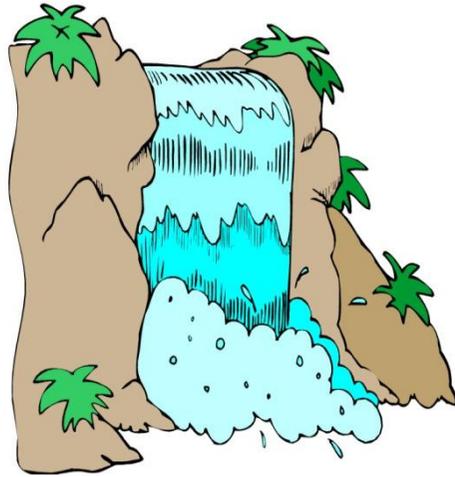
swan



a a

or as in *for*

waterfall



a a

e as in *end*

many



e e

e as in *end*

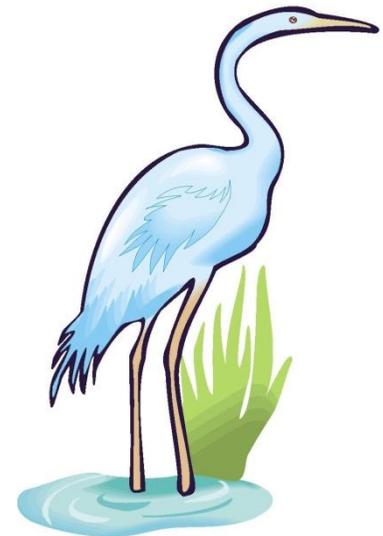
egg



e e

ee as in *see*

egret



e e

ear as in *dear*

zero



i i

eye as in *I*

ice-cream



i i

i as in *in*

igloo



i i

ee as in *see*

ski



a as in hat

a a

astronaut



Adam is an astronaut.

ay as in day

a a

acorn

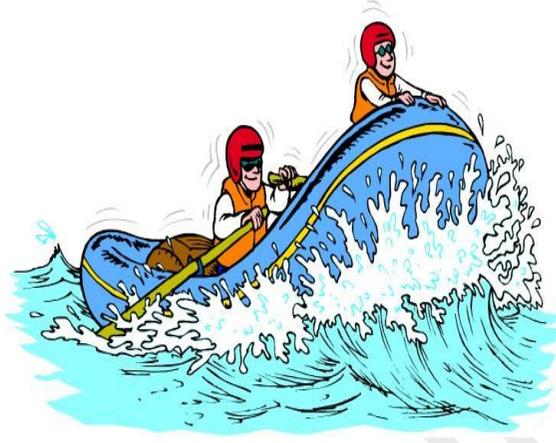


Shake the oak tree for acorns, Amy.

ar as in *car*

a a

raft



Let's **r**aft down the river
after lunch.

Note: US pronunciation of this sound is the same
as in **a**stronaut.

o as in *on*

a a

swan

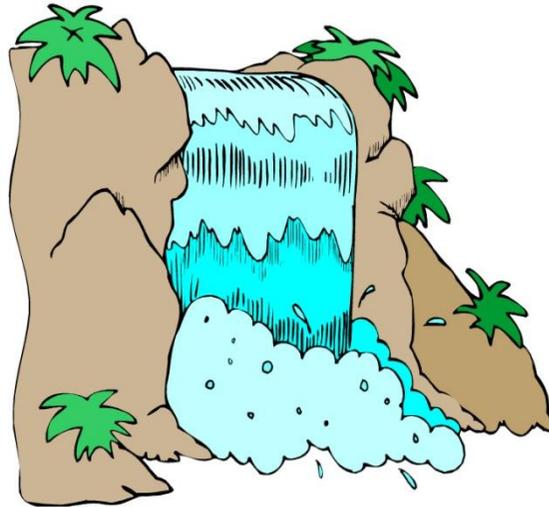


What **a** do sw**a**ns eat?

or as in for

a a

waterfall

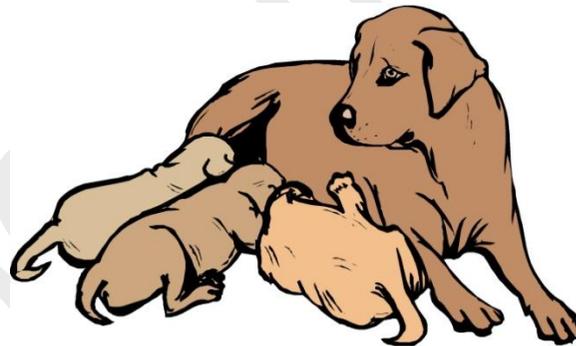


If we walk to the waterfall,
we can see how tall it is.

e as in end

a a

many



How many puppies does the
mother dog have?

Are there any for sale?



a
a a

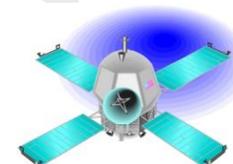
astronaut



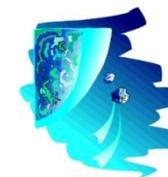
Adam is an astronaut, and as he was checking his spacecraft, he saw planet Earth, a man-made satellite and an asteroid.



planet



satellite



asteroid

ay
a a

acorn



'If you shake that low branch of our oak tree, Amy, you'll be able to collect the acorns that fall,' suggested Damien.

Twenty minutes later ...

'Look at what came down, Damien! Eight fell off, so I'll make a pattern to decorate the dining room table,' said Amy happily.

ar

a a

raft



This **a**fternoon at **h**alf **p**ast two, Arthur's **f**ather is planning to take his **r**aft down a very **f**ast river. (I hope he doesn't have a **n**asty spill like the one he had **l**ast year!)

Note: US Pronunciation. The word *father* has the *ar* sound as in *carpet*, but in words such as *raft*, *last* and *afternoon*, the *a* letter has the *a for astronaut* sound.

o as in on

a a

swan



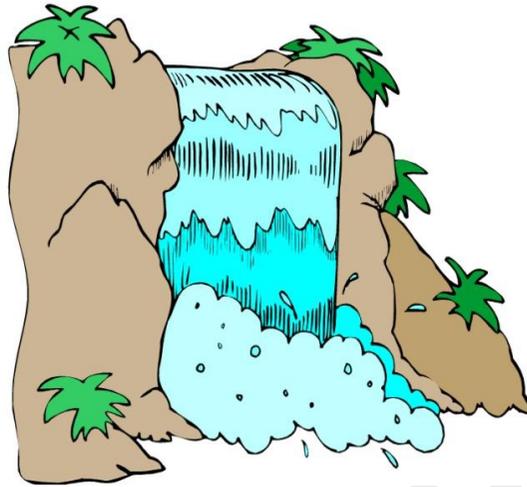
'**W**as that **s**wan swimming in **s**alty or fresh water, and **w**hat do **s**wans eat?' asked **W**anda.

'**S**wans like **s**wampy lakes, fresh, **s**alty or brackish, and they are herbivorous water-birds,' replied John before **s**watting a mosquito.

or

a a

waterfall



'Paul - how about a brisk walk to the waterfall before lunch?' called out Sean. (pron. *Shorn*)

'Good idea. And I'd like to talk about all those small plants growing in the mist on that tall rocky wall,' replied Paul.

e as in egg

a a

many



'How many puppies does your beautiful mother dog have?' asked Jenny. 'Are there any for sale?'

