Say the letters of the alphabet out loud or sing them.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

There are two kinds of letters. These letters are \textbf{vowels}.

a e i o u y

All the other letters are \textbf{consonants}.

b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x y z

The letter \textit{y} is special. It can be a \textit{vowel} or a \textit{consonant}.

Look at the \textbf{first} letters in these words. Write \textit{v} for \textit{vowel} or \textit{c} for \textit{consonant} after each one.

the \hspace{1cm} end \hspace{1cm} in \hspace{1cm} get \hspace{1cm} up

Look at the \textbf{middle} letters. Write \textit{v} or \textit{c} after each one.

big \hspace{1cm} bus \hspace{1cm} and \hspace{1cm} you \hspace{1cm} she

Look at the \textbf{last} letters. Write \textit{v} or \textit{c} after each one.

see \hspace{1cm} want \hspace{1cm} with \hspace{1cm} who \hspace{1cm} new

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Your child should know the letters of the alphabet and be able to sing or say them in order. He or she should also become familiar with vowels ($a$, $e$, $i$, $o$, and $u$) and consonants. Explain that $y$ can be a vowel or a consonant depending on its sound.

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