

# Accent Reading #2 Vowel Sounds

## /a/ Paragraph

I **had** a **bad** experience shopping for a new **hat** and **jacket**. Here's what **happened**. The **traffic that** day was very busy, and I **had** a hard time finding a **hat that** wasn't too **flat**. Also, I wanted a fashionable shade of purple or maybe a **plaid**, but all of them were either brown or **black**. Finally, the **last** place I went to **had hats that** were perfect for me. But they were too expensive for my budget. When I saw the price **tag**, I cried! I **asked** them if they **had** some **hats that** were cheaper. They **laughed** and told me **that** I should come **back** in a week. They said by next **Saturday** they would **have** some **hats** to **match** my price range.

## The /a/ Sound

1. Classroom
2. laughter
3. happy
4. attitude
5. flatter
6. apple
7. bad
8. reacting
9. jacket
10. cat
11. have
12. fashion
13. magazine
14. cash
15. track

## The /E/ Sound:

1. Sweet
2. Cream
3. Evening
4. Perceive
5. Leaf
6. Frequently
7. Leaning
8. Pizza
9. Freedom
10. steel

## /E/ Paragraph

**Easter** is a holiday that is commonly celebrated in America. It is usually in April, but sometimes as early as March. On this day **people** celebrate the resurrection of **Jesus**. They usually go to a church with their family and then **maybe eat** a special **meal** together. Children dye eggs a **variety** of different colors. Plastic eggs are also used **because** they can hold **candy** or **money**. The eggs are hidden then the children will **squeal** with **delight** as they **retrieve** the eggs and place them in their **Easter** baskets.

### **/i/ Paragraph**

America is known internationally for Disney World. It is a theme park in Orlando, Florida. Every kid that visits this park enjoys every minute. You don't want to miss it. There are lots of interesting rides that are incredibly fun. You can even see Mickey and Mouse and his friend Minnie there. In order to enter the park, you must have a ticket otherwise they will not permit you to enter.

#### The /i/ sound

1. ticket
2. in
3. fifth
4. it
5. is
6. wish
7. this
8. river
9. with
10. did

#### The /O/ Sound

1. Telephone
2. Note
3. Post office
4. Rose
5. Know
6. Tow
7. Go
8. Roller coaster
9. Over
10. Notebook

### **/O/ Paragraph**

"Shop till you drop" is my mother's favorite motto. She can out shop anyone I know. We start early in the morning and go until noon. We only make a quick stop for a coke float. Rain, sunshine, hot or cold, we will not be slowed down in our quest for the perfect bargain. If a store is open late we will stay until we are told to leave. The best part is returning home with all our found treasures in tow.

### **/ə/ Paragraph**

Tonight I am going to audition for the play *Phantom of the Opera*. I've been practicing my lines all week with my family. They have been wonderful in supporting me and have attended every single one of my tryouts and performances since my acting career has begun. I really want to play the main role of the Phantom. There are several different people auditioning for the same part. I will do my best and sing until my lungs are sore. But unfortunately only one person can be awarded with the part. Right now I'm so nervous that I'll just be glad when I'm done.

#### The /ə/ Sound

- Money
- Appliance
- Photography
- Champion
- Hyphen
- Determination
- Emphasis
- Flammable
- Compassion
- Recognize
- Dangerous
- Cover
- Complain
- Able
- Possess