

The Vowel Family Skit

(use props)

There was a family called the **Vowel Family**. Mr. and Mrs. Vowel had five children—four boys and one girl—and with all these children, they just could not decide what to name them. So Mama Vowel decided to watch each child for a while and then choose a name for each of her **five children**.

1. **First came along a little “a.”** Little “a” loved apples. Apples were all he wanted to eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Mama kept the apples on top of the refrigerator and little “a” was always coming into the kitchen, pointing at the top of the fridge, and saying “a-a-a-a” since he was too little say the word “apple.” Mama Vowel said, “Let’s just call you “a” (action-point up).
2. **Second came along little “e.”** Little “e” loved her Grandpa “Y” (make connection later) more than anyone else in the world. Her Grandpa “Y” was old and he could not hear very well. So when anyone spoke to him, he would put his hand to his ear and say “e?- e?- e?- e?” Well, little “e” wanted to be just like her grandfather, so when anyone spoke to her, she would say, “e?- e?- e?- e?” too, just like grandpa. Mama Vowel said, “Let’s just call you “e” (action-lean and cup hand to ear).
3. **Third came along little “i.”** Little “i” had a terribly itch head, and he was always scratching it morning, noon, and night. He hated the way it itched and he was always coming to his mother scratching his head and saying, “i-i-i-i.” Mama Vowel said, “Let’s just call you “i” (action-scratch head).
4. **Fourth came along little “o.”** Little “o” loved his hot cereal in the morning for breakfast. When Mama Vowel finished cooking it, she would say, “Now, wait a few minutes before you try to eat your cereal because it is hot!” Little “o” would never wait. When it was in the bowl in front of him, he would take a big heaping spoonful. Then he would say, “o-o-o-o” and fan his mouth with his hands because it was so hot it burned his tongue. Mama Vowel said, “Let’s just call you “o” (action-fan mouth with hand).
5. **Last came along little “u.”** Now the Vowel family had a big cherry tree in their backyard. Every summer when the cherries hadn’t ripened yet, Mama Vowel would say, “Don’t eat those unripe cherries or you’ll get a tummy ache.” Little “u” loved all cherries, so he ate them anyway, and always ate too many. Almost every day he would come in holding his stomach, saying, “u-u-u-u.” Then Mama Vowel said, “Let’s just call you “u” (action-rub tummy with hand).

This is how the little vowels got their name.

Say the short vowel sounds for “Let’s just call you a-e-i-o-u.”