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The Sound [t] and the VCC Pattern

Short vowel sounds in front of <tt>

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In the VCC pattern, the vowel will usually be short. In the VCV pattern, the first vowel will usually be long.

These are the short and long vowel sounds:

Short Vowel Sounds	Long Vowel Sounds
[a] as in <i>mat</i>	[ā] as in <i>mate</i>
[e] as in <i>met</i>	[ē] as in <i>meet</i>
[i] as in <i>mitt</i>	[ī] as in <i>might</i>
[o] as in <i>cot</i>	[ō] as in <i>coat</i>
[u] as in <i>cut</i>	[ū] as in <i>coot</i>
[ū] as in <i>cook</i>	[yū] as in <i>cute</i>

Many words that are not compounds and do not contain **twinning** or **assimilation** still spell [t] <tt> because of the VCC pattern, just like *latter* and *bottom*.

Examples

The word *latter* has a short first vowel and the VCC pattern.

The word *later* has a long first vowel and the VCV pattern.

Review

Mark the VCC pattern and identify the vowel sound you hear in front of the <tt> in each of the following words, as we have with *bottom*:

Word	Vowel sound in front of the <tt>:
1. bottom vcc	[o]
2. scatter	
3. ghetto	
4. lettuce	
5. chatter	
6. kitten	
7. button	
8. cotton	
9. letter	
10. pattern	
11. butter	
12. matter	
13. bitter	
14. motto	
15. tattoo	
16. symptom	

17. Are the vowel sounds in front of the <tt> long or are they short? _____

Review (Answers)

Word	Vowel sound in front of the <tt>:
1. bottom vcc	[o]
2. scatter vcc	[a]
3. ghetto vcc	[e]
4. lettuce vcc	[e]
5. chatter vcc	[a]
6. kitten vcc	[i]
7. button vcc	[u]
8. cotton vcc	[o]
9. letter vcc	[e]
10. pattern vcc	[a]
11. butter vcc	[u]
12. matter vcc	[a]
13. bitter vcc	[i]
14. motto vcc	[o]
15. tattoo vcc	[a]
16. symptom vcc	[i]

17. Are the vowel sounds in front of the <tt> long or are they short? short

1.0 REFERENCES