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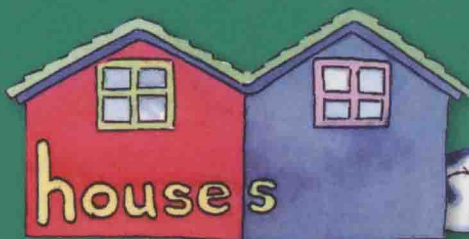
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# To Teachers and Parents

English spelling must be mastered for the full understanding of word formation in English, and for vocabulary development. Good spelling is one of the key elements of good writing.

**First English Spelling** has been specially written for young learners. It introduces the basic rules of spelling, covering letter sounds, noun endings such as *-s, -es, -er, -or*; verb endings such as *-s, -es, -ing, -d, -ed*; adjective endings such as *-ful* and *-less*; and the adverb ending *-ly*. Exceptions to the rules and additional information are highlighted in boxes. Much attention has been paid to the presentation and layout of this book in order to make it learner-friendly.

The book is accompanied by an MP3 disk, which allows young learners to listen to the explanations and correct pronunciation. This is a helpful learning tool to be used alongside the book, either at home or in the classroom.

It is hoped not only that the book and disk will give young learners a clear idea of the basic rules of spelling, but also that they will get a lot of enjoyment from learning the varied vocabulary specially chosen for their level.

## 致老师和家长的话

英文拼写是理解英文单词构成和扩大词汇量的基础。良好的拼写能力对写作能力的培养起着重要的作用。

《我的第一本英语拼写书》是专门为儿童编写的。本书介绍了英文单词拼写的基本规则，涵盖了字母发音、名词的单复数形式、动词和形容词变成名词形式、动词的第三人称单数、现在分词、过去分词、形容词和副词的构成等。规则的例外和更多的信息放在框中加以提示。本书编排布局生动、合理，便于理解，易于激发儿童学习兴趣。

本书配有一张MP3光盘，小读者可以通过听光盘学习发音，无论在家里还是在学校都可以方便地学习英语。

本书及光盘所讲解的词汇和例句是专为儿童精心选择的，适合儿童的学习特点，不仅能够帮助小读者掌握基本的拼写规则，还能够为他们带来无穷的学习乐趣。

## How to use the MP3 disk

1. The file names on the disk are listed below for easy reference. The page numbers given after each file refer to those in the book to help learners locate the texts.
2. The longer chapters in the book are recorded in two different files for quick playback of pages that learners want to listen to again. The files are indicated as Part 1 or Part 2 of the chapter.
3. Learners will first hear the explanations of the spelling rules on each page, followed by examples that illustrate the rules.
4. Then they will hear the notes for **Word File** and **Did You Know?**
5. There are sound effects at the following points in the disk:
  - before the reading of the notes for **Word File** and **Did You Know?** to help learners follow the texts in the book;
  - at the end of the recording of each page to prompt them to turn to the next page.

## 如何使用光盘

1. 下面列出了光盘上的内容，每个文件都给出了书上相应的页码，以便读者查找。
2. 书中较长的章节分为两个文件，便于读者快速回放想听的内容。两部分内容分别以Part 1和Part 2表示。
3. 读者将首先听到每页上的拼写规则，然后会听到作为示例的单词和例句。
4. 随后读者将听到**词汇文件夹** (Word File) 和**你知道吗** (Did You Know) 的解释说明。
5. 光盘上的音效出现在以下部分：
  - 在**词汇文件夹** (Word File) 和**你知道吗** (Did You Know) 之前，以帮助读者了解课文；
  - 在每页结尾处，以提醒读者翻到下一页。

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# The Alphabet and Letter Sounds

## 字母表和字母发音

An **alphabet** is a set of **letters** that you use to make words. In the English alphabet there are **26 letters**, all with their own sounds. These 26 letters are arranged in a fixed order, called **alphabetical order**, or **ABC order**. You can write the letters in two forms: **small letters** or **capital letters**. 英文字母表中有26个字母，按一定顺序排列，有大小写之分。

## Small Letters 小写字母

The **small letters** are also called **lower-case letters**.

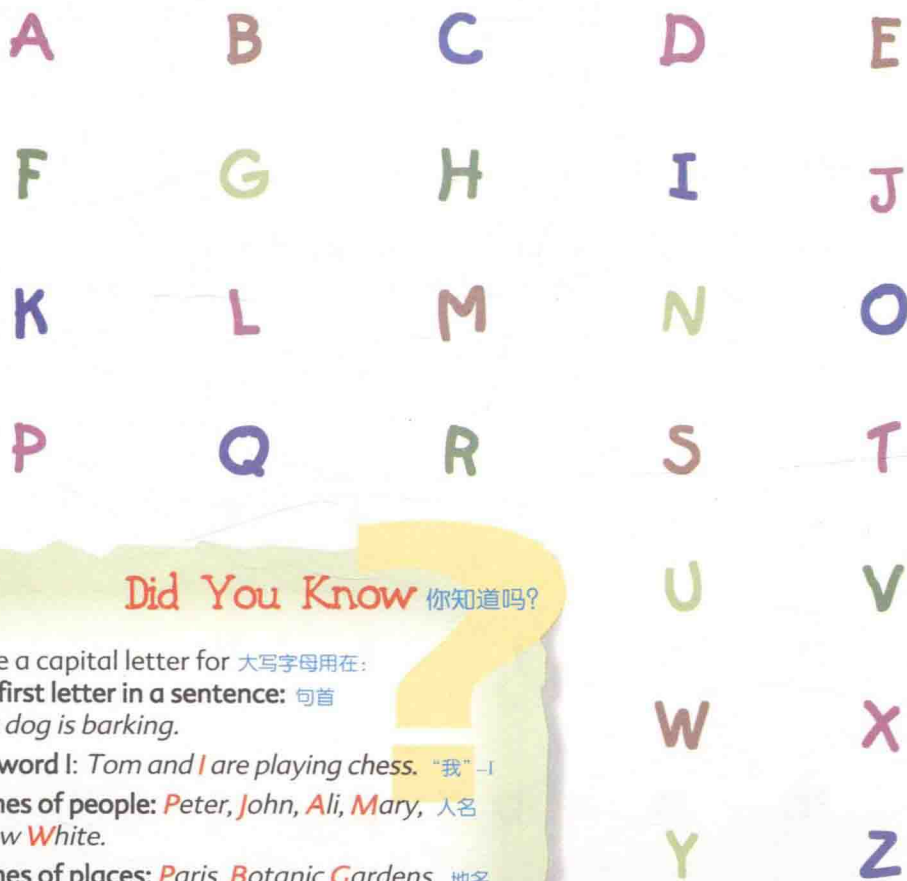
This is the way you write the small letters. 小写字母的拼写形式如下：



## Capital Letters 大写字母

Capital letters are also called **big letters**, or **upper-case letters**. This is the way you write the capital letters.

大写字母的拼写形式如下:



### Did You Know 你知道吗?

You use a capital letter for 大写字母用在:

- ▶ the first letter in a sentence: 句首  
*The dog is barking.*
- ▶ the word I: *Tom and I are playing chess.* “我” - I
- ▶ names of people: *Peter, John, Ali, Mary,* 人名  
*Snow White.*
- ▶ names of places: *Paris, Botanic Gardens,* 地名  
*Hyde Park, the Arctic.*
- ▶ names of mountains and rivers: 山名、河名  
*Mount Fuji, the Yellow River.*
- ▶ the days of the week: *Monday,* 星期  
*Tuesday, Wednesday.*
- ▶ the months of the year: *January,* 年、月  
*February, March.*

## Vowels 元音

The English alphabet has two kinds of letters: **vowels** and **consonants**.

英文字母分为元音字母和辅音字母。

There are five vowels:

元音字母有5个:



Look at these words. All of them have a vowel in the middle.

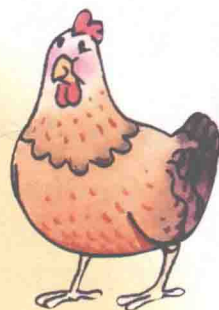
请看下列单词。它们中间都有一个元音字母。



cat

rat

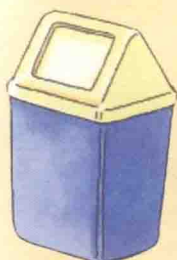
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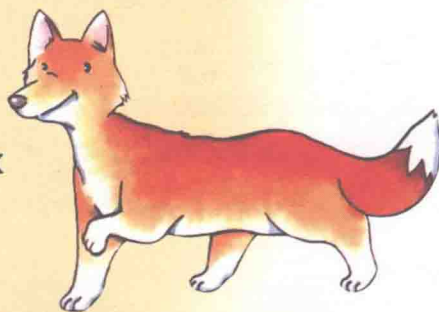
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log

dot

fox



mug

hug

cup

**Did You Know** 你知道吗?

There are two very short words that are made up of a single vowel: 有两个单词是由一个字母构成的:

I a

## Short Vowels 短元音

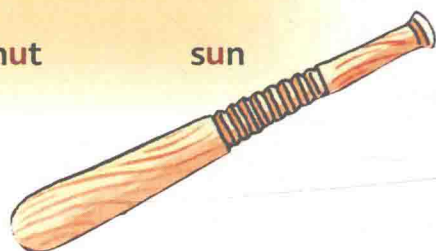
Some vowels have a short quick sound.

有些元音发音短促，称为短元音。

In these words, the vowels are short. Read them out aloud.

下列单词中的元音为短元音，请大声朗读。

a	hand	bat	man	van
e	bell	hen	nest	pen
i	fish	fist	hill	milk
o	box	cot	dog	pond
u	duck	mud	nut	sun



### Did You Know 你知道吗?

The vowel **-u-** has a different short sound in these words.  
Read them out aloud.

u 在下列  
单词中发  
[ʊ] 音。

bull	bush
cushion	full
pudding	pull
pussy	put

In some words, the letter **y** sounds like the short vowel **i**. For example:

在某些单词中，字母 y 的读音为 [i]。例如：

carry	city	easy
forty	lazy	party
silly	story	
baby	teddy	



You can put two vowels together to make a sound.

两个元音合起来可发一个音。

oo

The pair of vowels **oo** can make a short sound like the **u** in **full**, **bull**, **bush** and **put**. Here are some words with the short **oo** sound in them.

字母组合 oo 在以下单词中发音为 [u]:



cook

foot



good

hood

look

stood

wood

wool



ou

The pair of vowels **ou** can also make the same short sound as this **u** and **oo**. Here are some words with the short **ou** sound in them. 字母组合 ou 在以下单词中发音为 [u]:

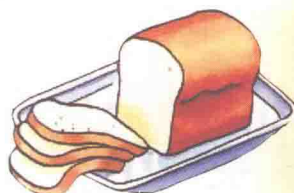
could

should

would

ea

The pair of vowels **ea** can make the same sound as the short vowel **e**. Here are some words with the short **ea** sound in them. 字母组合 ea 在以下单词中发音为 [e]:



bread

breath

dead

deaf

death

head

sweat

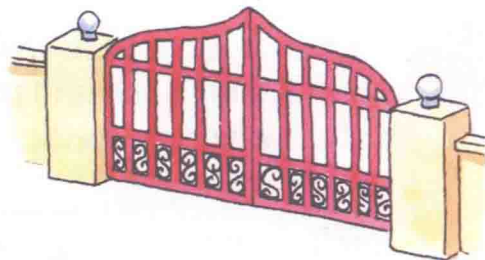
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## Long Vowels 长元音

Some vowels have a long slow sound.

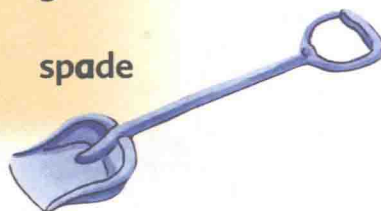
有些元音字母发音长而缓，称为长元音。



### Long Vowel **a**

字母 **a** 在以下单词中发音为 [ei]:

cave cage cake gate  
face lake mane spade



The pair of vowels **ai** has the same long **a** sound. 字母组合 **ay** 在以下单词中发音为 [ei]:

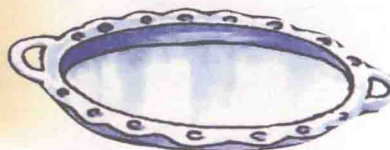
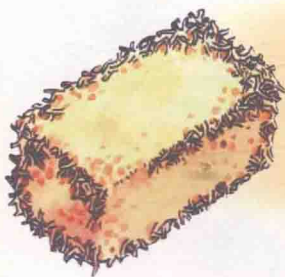
rain mail rail  
sail train pail



The pair of letters **ay** has the same long **a** sound.

字母组合 **ay** 在以下单词中发音为 [ei]:

hay day pay  
play stay tray



## Long Vowel **e** 长元音 e

The vowel **e** is long in these words. 字母 **e** 在以下单词中发音为长元音 [i:] :

eve scene these

The pair of vowels **ee** has the same long **e** sound. 字母组合 **ee** 在以下单词中发音为 [i:] :



jeep beef feet

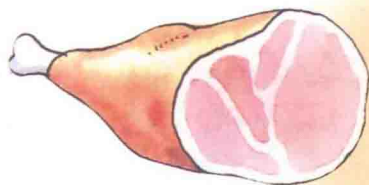
peel see sheep

tree bee



The pair of vowels **ea** has the same long **e** sound in these words.

字母组合 **ea** 在以下单词中发音为 [i:] :



eat bead meal team

meat leaf seat seal

