Short and Long Vowel Sounds - ANSWER KEY

Grade 1 | Telling short and long vowel sounds apart in one-syllable words

A short vowel makes its quick sound, as in cat, bed, pig, hop and bus. A long vowel says its name, as in cake, feet, kite, boat and mule.

Part A: Read each word. Is the vowel sound short or long? Write short or long.

1. cat **short**
2. cake **long**
3. feet **long**
4. bed **short**
5. kite **long**
6. pig **short**
7. hop **short**
8. boat **long**
9. mule **long**
10. bus **short**
11. jam **short**
12. bike **long**
13. rain **long**
14. fish **short**
15. rope **long**
16. tent **short**

Part B: Write the word that has a long vowel sound.

17. (ran, rain, rat) **rain**
18. (cute, cub, cut) **cute**
19. (bee, bed, bet) **bee**
20. (net, nest, neat) **neat**
21. (cot, cob, coat) **coat**
22. (pin, pine, pit) **pine**