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## Long *Uu* Spelled *u*

PLAN

**Component:** Encoding

**Instructional Activity:** Words with Long *Uu* Spelled *u*

**Materials Needed:** sound-spelling cards, whiteboards, markers, erasers



**Approximate Time:**  
10 minutes



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- ✓ Individual
- ✓ Small Group
- ✓ Large Group

OBJECTIVE

**State the objective(s).**

The sounds of *long Uu*, /yoo/ and /oo/, can be spelled several ways. You're going to learn a common pattern for /yoo/ and /oo/ and practice spelling words containing the pattern.

REVIEW &  
VOCABULARY

**Review prerequisite skills and teach related vocabulary.**

Refer to the sound-spelling cards as you review the vowels. **There are two kinds of letters: *consonants* and *vowels*. The vowels are *Aa*, *Ee*, *Ii*, *Oo*, and *Uu*. Sometimes the letter *Yy* can also make a vowel sound.**

**Each vowel can make two sounds: A short vowel sound and a long vowel sound. You've learned the short and long vowel sound for *Uu*. Repeat after me. Point to *Uu*: The short vowel sound is /üüü/. What's the short vowel sound? Students: /üüü/**  
**The long vowel sounds are /yoo/ and /oo/. What are the long vowel sounds? Students: /yoo/ and /oo/**

**A *syllable* is a chunk of a word that contains one vowel sound. If a syllable ends in a vowel sound, and that vowel sound is spelled using only one letter, the syllable is called an *open syllable* and the sound the single vowel makes is its *long* sound. If a single *u* comes at the end of any syllable in a word, the sound it makes is /yoo/ or /oo/.**

Note: Sound-spelling cards for long vowel sounds generally do not have letters at the top of each card. There is usually a picture representing a word that contains the long vowel sound, plus a list of the most frequently-used spelling patterns for the sound.

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**Demonstrate.** Teach the new skill, model with clear explanations, verbalize your thinking process.

Display or hold the sound-spelling card for long *Uu*. Using sticky notes, cover over any spellings at the bottom of the card that have not yet been taught. Make sure *u* is uncovered for this lesson. Point to the picture at the top of the card.

- The sound is /yoō/. The key word is \_\_\_\_\_. What's the key word? Students: \_\_\_\_\_
- The sound is /oō/. The key word is \_\_\_\_\_. What's the key word? Students: \_\_\_\_\_
- The sounds /yoō/ and /oō/ can be held a long time. Listen: /yoō/ and /oō/. Hold each sound for 2-3 seconds. What are the sounds? Students: /yoō/ and /oō/
- Point to the spelling patterns at the bottom of the card. One way to spell the sounds /yoō/ and /oō/ is with a single letter *u*. What's one way to spell /yoō/ and /oō/? Students: *single letter u*
- When a single *u* comes at the end of any syllable, the sound it makes is /yoō/ or /oō/.

I'm going to spell a word that contains the long vowel sound /oō/ spelled with a single *u*.

The word is *student*. You are all my *students*, and I am your teacher.

First, I count the syllables. I'll hold up one finger for each syllable I hear: /stoō/ /dənt/. Two syllables. If I said the word "like a robot" (every syllable stressed—no schwa sounds), it would be /stoō/ /dənt/.

The first syllable is /stoō/. I stretch it: /sss̄oō/. I ask myself: *Where do I hear the sound /oō/ in the syllable?* I hear the sound /oō/ at the end of the syllable. The syllable doesn't have a consonant sound after the sound /oō/. That means I can use the spelling *u*.

I stretch and spell the first syllable: /sss/ write *s*; /t/ write *t*; /oō/ write *u*.

I say the word "like a robot" again, and listen for the second syllable: /stoō/ /dənt/. The second syllable is /dənt/. I stretch and spell the syllable: /d/ write *d*; /ě/ write *e*; /nnn/ write *n*; /t/ write *t*

I check my work by pointing under each syllable in the word and reading it, sounding it out if I need to. Then, I put the syllables together and read the whole word: /stoō/ /dənt/ stu-dent? That sounds right. I'm pretty sure I know what the word is: *student!*

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### Provide guided practice.

Distribute student whiteboards, markers, and erasers.

**Let's spell some words together. Each word contains the long u sound spelled with a single letter u.**

**The first word is *humid*. What word?** Students and teacher: *humid*

***Humid* describes air that is damp or sticky.**

**Count the syllables in *humid*.** Prompt: Hold up one finger for each syllable. Students and teacher: *hu – mid*. *Two syllables*.

**First syllable?** Students and teacher: *hu-*

**Where do you hear the sound /yoo/ in the syllable—at the beginning, middle, or end?** Students and teacher: *end*

If you have taught the concept of open and closed syllables, add: **What kind of syllable is *hu-*?** Students and teacher: *open* **What sound does the vowel make in an open syllable: *long* or *short*?** Students and teacher: *long*

**How will we spell the vowel sound in *hu-*?** Students and teacher: *a single u*

**Stretch and spell *hu-*.** Students and teacher: /h/ write *h*; /yoo/ write *u*

**What's the second syllable in *humid*?** Students and teacher: *-mid*

**Stretch and spell *-mid*.** Students and teacher: /mmm/ write *m*; /iii/ write *i*; /d/ write *d*

**Check your work by pointing under each syllable in the word and reading it, sounding it out if needed, then putting the syllables together and reading the whole word.** Students and teacher: /hyoo/ /mid/; *humid*

Use the routine above to spell the words *tulip* and *cupid*.

*Teacher Tip:* Remember to read the word “like a robot” (every syllable stressed—no schwa sounds) if the word contains an unaccented schwa sound. Remind students that both /yoo/ and /oo/ can be represented by a single letter *u*.

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**Provide independent practice.**

Now it's your turn to spell words on your own. I will walk through the steps with you, but you will spell the word by yourself. I'll be looking at your whiteboards to see how you're doing.

Follow this routine using words from the Word List.

- **Repeat the word.** The teacher should also say the word "like a robot" if it contains a schwa sound, and students should repeat it.
- **Count the syllables.**
- **Say the first syllable.** If there's a long vowel sound in it, think: Do you hear it at the beginning, middle, or end of the syllable? What spelling pattern should I choose?
- **Stretch and spell the first syllable.**
- **Say the next syllable.** If there's a long vowel sound in it, think: Do you hear it at the beginning, middle, or end of the syllable? What spelling pattern should I choose?
- **Stretch and spell the next syllable.**
- **Continue until you've spelled all of the syllables in the word.**
- **Check your work.** Point under each syllable and read it, then put the syllables together and read the whole word.

YOU DO IT!

Word List	
super	unit
cubic	human
music	rumor



If students need support with:	Then try this:
Determining the syllable types	Display syllable types to anchor students and provide a visual aide.  <i>Teacher Tip: Visuals can be displayed in the classroom for whole group settings, mini anchor charts for small groups or individual charts for student use.</i>

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ASSESS

**Assess students (formally or informally).** *Determine the level of mastery for the stated objective.*

Observe individual students as they respond during guided and independent practice. Scaffold or correct all errors. Provide specific feedback for accurate responses.

ENRICH/EXTEND

**Enrichment/Extension.** *Provide enrichment and extension activities for students who need less support.*

For students who show mastery for decoding words with open syllable patterns, consider moving to the instructional protocol for encoding words with open syllable patterns.

SUPPORT

**Additional support.** *Provide scaffolded opportunities for students who need more support.*

For students experiencing difficulty with scaffolded instruction in recognizing open syllables, consider providing practice with recognizing open syllables in one syllable words.