



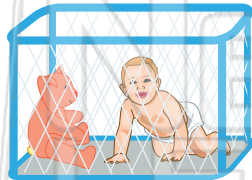
# Vowel Diphthongs

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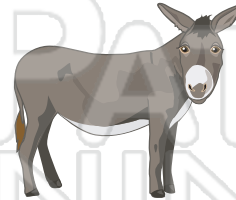
You know the **vowels** are **a**, **e**, **i**, **o**, and **u**. Did you also know that **y** is always a vowel except when it's the first letter of a word? (as in **yellow** and **yard** and **yip**)

This means that when **y** follows a vowel, it has an effect on it. It creates a vowel pair. When **y** follows an **a** or an **e**, it makes the first vowel say its name, as in:

play**pen**  
(long A)



donkey**y**  
(long E)



**Vowel diphthongs** are **pairs of vowels**. Neither vowel says its name. Instead, the vowels blend to make a **new sound**. In the examples below, you will see that **oy** is a **vowel diphthong** because it makes a whole new

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**lawn**



The diphthongs **ew** and **oo** make the same sound even though they are spelled very differently.

**jewelry**



**tools**

