Exercise answer key : Long vowels: ā, ī, ū

Reading

Detailed answer key for the exercises on "Long vowels: ā, ī, ū" (Reading), with step-by-step explanations.

Exercise 1

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. بَا
   → **bā**
2. بُو
   → **bū**
3. بِي
   → **bī**
4. تَا
   → **tā**
5. تُو
   → **tū**
6. تِي
   → **tī**

Exercise 2

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. مَا
   → **mā**
2. مُو
   → **mū**
3. مِي
   → **mī**
4. لَا
   → **lā**
5. لُو
   → **lū**
6. لِي
   → **lī**
7. نَا
   → **nā**

8. نُو
   → **nū**
9. نِي
   → **nī**

Exercise 3

Which short vowel and which letter form this long vowel?

1. سَا
   → **fatha + ا**
2. كُو
   → **damma + و**
3. رِي
   → **kasra + ي**
4. فَا
   → **fatha + ا**
5. دُو
   → **damma + و**
6. قِي
   → **kasra + ي**

Exercise 4

Is the vowel short or long?

1. بَ
   → **short**
2. بَا
   → **long**
3. مِ
   → **short**
4. مِي
   → **long**
5. نُ
   → **short**
6. نُو
   → **long**

Exercise 5

Write in Arabic the syllable whose pronunciation is given.

1. sā
   → **سَا**
2. kī
   → **كِي**
3. rū
   → **رُو**
4. fā
   → **فَا**
5. dī
   → **دِي**
6. qū
   → **قُو**

Exercise 6

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. بَاب
   → **bāb**
2. دَار
   → **dār**
3. جَار
   → **jār**
4. تَاج
   → **tāj**
5. كَاتِب
   → **kātib**
6. قَارِب
   → **qārib**
7. شَارِع
   → **shāriʿ**

Exercise 7

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. فِيل
   → **fīl**

2. طِين
   → **ṭīn**
3. جِيم
   → **jīm**
4. سِين
   → **sīn**
5. نِيل
   → **nīl**
6. كَبِير
   → **kabīr**
7. جَمِيل
   → **jamīl**
8. صَغِير
   → **ṣaghīr**

Exercise 8

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. نُور
   → **nūr**
2. ثُوم
   → **thūm**
3. سُوق
   → **sūq**
4. جُوع
   → **jūʿ**
5. عُود
   → **ʿūd**
6. بُوم
   → **būm**

Exercise 9

Write in Arabic, with all the marks, the word whose pronunciation is given.

1. kitāb
   → **كِتَاب**
2. nūr
   → **نُور**

3. fīl
   → فِيل
4. bāb
   → بَاب
5. sūq
   → سُوق
6. kabīr
   → كَبِير

Exercise 10

Which letter lengthens the vowel? Copy it.

1. بَا
   → ا
2. بُو
   → و
3. بِي
   → ي
4. فِيل
   → ي
5. نُور
   → و
6. دَار
   → ا

Exercise 11

Lengthen the vowel: add the right letter.

1. بَ → long
   → بَا
2. تِ → long
   → تِي
3. مُ → long
   → مُو
4. لَ → long

→ لَا

5. نِ → long
   → نِي
6. سُ → long
   → سُو

Exercise 12

Shorten the vowel: remove the lengthening letter.

1. بَا
   → بَ
2. مِي
   → مِ
3. نُو
   → نُ
4. كَا
   → كَ
5. لِي
   → لِ

Exercise 13

Read each pair (short / long) and write the pronunciation.

1. جَمَل / جَمَال
   → **jamal / jamāl**
2. عَلَم / عَالَم
   → **ʿalam / ʿālam**
3. بَرَد / بَارِد
   → **barad / bārid**
4. كَتَبَ / كَاتِب
   → **kataba / kātib**

The long vowel lasts twice as long as the short one and can change the meaning of the word.

Exercise 14

True or false?

1. بَا is read “bā”, with a long a.

→ **True**

2. The kasra is lengthened with a و.
   → **False**
3. The damma is lengthened with a و.
   → **True**
4. The lengthening letter itself carries a vowel.
   → **False**
5. The fatha is lengthened with an ا.
   → **True**

Fatha + ا = ā; damma + و = ū; kasra + ي = ī. The lengthening letter has no vowel.

Exercise 15

Find the odd one out: the word without a long vowel.

1. بَاب ـ فِيل ـ قَلَم
   → **قَلَم**
2. نُور ـ دَار ـ جَمَل
   → **جَمَل**
3. سُوق ـ كِتَاب ـ شَمْس
   → **شَمْس**
4. طِين ـ مَكْتَب ـ بُوم
   → **مَكْتَب**

Exercise 16

How many long vowels in each word?

1. كِتَاب
   → **1**
2. مَفَاتِيح
   → **2**
3. نُور
   → **1**
4. مَصَابِيح
   → **2**
5. كَاتِب
   → **1**

Exercise 17

Split the word into syllables (a long vowel stays in its syllable).

1. كِتَاب
   → كِ ـ تَا ـ بْ
2. نُور
   → نُو ـ رْ
3. فِيل
   → فِي ـ لْ
4. كَبِير
   → كَ ـ بِي ـ رْ
5. شَارِع
   → شَا ـ رِ ـ عْ

Exercise 18

The syllables are given left to right: write the word in Arabic.

1. بْ ـ تَا ـ كِ
   → كِتَاب
2. رْ ـ نُو
   → نُور
3. لْ ـ فِي
   → فِيل
4. بْ ـ بَا
   → بَاب

Exercise 19

Complete the word with the missing lengthening letter.

1. بَ ؟ بْ
   → ا
2. نُ ؟ رْ
   → و
3. فِ ؟ لْ
   → ي

4. دَ ؟ رْ

   → ا

5. سُ ؟ قْ

   → و

Exercise 20

Read these fruit and plant names and write their pronunciation.

1. تُفَّاح
   → **tuffāḥ**
2. بُرْتُقَال
   → **burtuqāl**
3. عِنَب
   → **ʿinab**
4. لَيْمُون
   → **laymūn**
5. رُمَّان
   → **rummān**

Exercise 21

Writing: write three words with a long vowel (one with ā, one with ī, one with ū).

1. Three words

   → بَاب ، فِيل ، نُور

Free answer.