

**Handout 4.4: English Letter Sounds Reference Sheet**  
**Session 4: EGRA Administration, Scoring, and Data Capture**

The correct sound for consonants is the “pure” sound, without a vowel pronounced afterwards. For example, the sound for the letter “b” is /b/, not /buh/.

\*Note that the correct sounds for vowels is the short letter sound, not the long vowel sound. (The long vowel sound is the same as the name of the letter, and should not be accepted as a correct answer.)

Letter	Example words with correct sound
<b>A</b>	<b>cat, sat, mat, apple</b>
<b>B</b>	big, bottle, bag, bee
<b>C</b>	cat, car (the “S” sound for “C” is not allowed as a correct response)
<b>D</b>	dog, day, deep
<b>E</b>	<b>set, met, neck, pet (short vowel sound only)</b>
<b>F</b>	farm, fit, feed, frog
<b>G</b>	go, get, gap, glow
<b>H</b>	how, hand, hen, hut
<b>I</b>	<b>sit, pit, lit, hit (short vowel sound only)</b>
<b>J</b>	jolly, jump, jam, jet
<b>K</b>	kit, kettle, kilometre
<b>L</b>	lamp, lesson, lot, leg
<b>M</b>	mat, met, more, men
<b>N</b>	not, nap, net, nut
<b>O</b>	<b>pot, hot, mop, dog (short vowel sound only)</b>
<b>P</b>	pat, pit, nap, pot
<b>Q</b>	quick, quit, liquid
<b>R</b>	rat, rest, ran, rot
<b>S</b>	sat, set, sit, stop
<b>T</b>	time, turtle, tin, tap
<b>U</b>	<b>up, cut, sun, cup, mud, hut (short vowel sound only)</b>
<b>V</b>	van, vest, love, vowel
<b>W</b>	water, web, wind, wild
<b>X</b>	box, six, next
<b>Y</b>	yes, yam, yellow
<b>Z</b>	zoo, buzz, zap