Place emphasis on the formation of the jaw, mouth and tongue. After teaching long “a”, “i”, and “e”, demonstrate difference in sound between “peel”, “pale”, “pile”.

1. **“a”** (and sometimes “ea”, “ey”, “ai”, “ei”,-french words ending in “et”, “ee”, “e”, “ie”)–
   1. jaw slightly open; large smile;
   2. “a” comes from back of throat and then lower jaw moves slightly toward upper jaw to form a long “e” to finish the sound of long “a”.
   3. change, great, break, obey, rain, reindeer, sleigh,(*from French words*) - buffet, fiancée, bouquet, matinee, lingerie
2. **“e”** (sometimes “ea”, “ie”, “y”, “ui”, “ae”) –
   1. bottom and top frontal of teeth in same position,
   2. teeth slightly open, lips open,
   3. tongue tense and tip curled under against bottom teeth
   4. belief, field, niece, piece, police, automobile, poorly, happily, gasoline, suite, Caesar)
3. **“i”** (sometimes “ai”, “ei”, “ie” before “gh, “gn” “nd” at end of words, “ui” “y”- (sounds like two syllables- ah-ee) –
   1. form jaw and mouth to say “ah”
   2. bring jaw up
   3. say long “e”
   4. ice, pie, advice, bite, mile, drive, live\*, hi, high, height, light, fight, sign, thigh, eye, I, rhyme

*(\*Note: also word live with short “i”-determine based on context of sentence)*

1. **“o”-**(sometimes “ou”, “ot”, “ou” “ew”, “ough”, “eau*” (French ending)*
   1. jaw slightly open;
   2. lips formed in circle;
   3. tongue curls up slightly while making the sound
   4. old, cold, folk, yolk, comb, sew, pillow, yellow, own, row, bow\*, sow\*, row\*, bureau, depot, soul, thorough)

(*Note: other words sounding the same, but meanings are different – bow/beau; sow/sew; row/roe)*

* 1. **“ou”** – sounds like two syllables – ah-00 – jaw very open for “ah”, close to make “oo” sound – (out, house, flour\*, ounce, drougt, hour (silent “h”), cow, how, brown, owl
  2. **“oi”** – (sometimes “oy”) sounds like to syllables – oh-ee – form mouth in long “o” and say “o”; then say long “e” (boy, coin, Ilinois *(“s” is silent*), noise)
  3. **“oo”** – sometimes sounds like long “u” without the “y” sound; sometimes it sounds like a combination for short “o” and short “u” (boot, soot, foot, cool)

1. **“u”** – (sometimes “ew”, “eau”, “eu”, “ou”) –
   1. sounds like the word “you”-
   2. used, uniform, university, fuel, cute, abuse, excuse, computer, beauty, few, feud, youth, coupon