Meet Ellie Elf

The letter e makes the short sound /e/, like in elf.



Say it:

E e

/e/ as in elf

Words to read with short e

red	hen	nest	get
pet	vet	pen	set
ten	pens	fed	pets

Helper words you will see

the a is in on and can has

Warm-up for parents and teachers

Say /e/ together 3 times. Then read the 12 words, one at a time.
Ready? Turn the page for the first pyramid!

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Short E: Pyramid 1

Read each line. Each line adds one word. Then read the whole sentence!



Ellie Elf says /e/

Pyramid 1 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. A
2. A red
3. A red hen
4. A red hen is
5. A red hen is on
6. A red hen is on a
7. A red hen is on a nest.

Clap once for each word in the last line.

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Short E: Pyramid 2

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ellie Elf says /e/

Pyramid 2 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. Ben
2. Ben and
3. Ben and Meg
4. Ben and Meg get
5. Ben and Meg get a
6. Ben and Meg get a pet.

Read it to a stuffed animal or a friend!

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Short E: Pyramid 3

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ellie Elf says /e/

Pyramid 3 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. The
2. The vet
3. The vet has
4. The vet has a
5. The vet has a red
6. The vet has a red pen.

Point to each word. Read the new word, then read the whole line again.

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Short E: Pyramid 4

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ellie Elf says /e/

Pyramid 4 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. Ted
2. Ted set
3. Ted set ten
4. Ted set ten red
5. Ted set ten red pens.

Read it in a whisper voice, then in a loud voice!

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Short E: Pyramid 5

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ellie Elf says /e/

Pyramid 5 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. Jen
2. Jen and
3. Jen and Ben
4. Jen and Ben fed
5. Jen and Ben fed the
6. Jen and Ben fed the pets.

Find the colored vowel in each word and say its sound.

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Short E: Pyramid 6

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ellie Elf says /e/

Pyramid 6 of 9

Read it 3 times

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Color a star each time

1. The
2. The elf
3. The elf is
4. The elf is in
5. The elf is in a
6. The elf is in a red
7. The elf is in a red bed.

Clap once for each word in the last line.

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Short E: Pyramid 7

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ellie Elf says /e/

Pyramid 7 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. Meg
2. Meg can
3. Meg can step
4. Meg can step on
5. Meg can step on a
6. Meg can step on a net.

Read it to a stuffed animal or a friend!

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Short E: Pyramid 8

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ellie Elf says /e/

Pyramid 8 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. The
2. The ten
3. The ten men
4. The ten men set
5. The ten men set a
6. The ten men set a tent.

Point to each word. Read the new word, then read the whole line again.

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Short E: Pyramid 9

Read each line. Then read the whole sentence!



Ellie Elf says /e/

Pyramid 9 of 9

Read it 3 times

☆ ☆ ☆

Color a star each time

1. The
2. The wet
3. The wet dress
4. The wet dress is
5. The wet dress is on
6. The wet dress is on the
7. The wet dress is on the bed.

Read it in a whisper voice, then in a loud voice!

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