

## **E – Ed**

(Show picture.) “Here is another vowel. This is Ed. He’s a video game character who likes to go along, eating up candy eggs while he makes this sound, ‘E-e-e-e.’ (The following story elongates the sound of *E* to make it easier to perceive.) When Ed’s mother calls him for dinner, she wags her finger (Demonstrate a ‘come here’ movement with your index finger.) and (in a sing-song voice, dragging out the short ‘e’ sound) calls his name, ‘E—.’ Before she finishes saying his name, Ed is there, on her finger! When you make the ‘e’ sound, only one finger should be able to fit in your mouth. When you say ‘i,’ no finger should fit.” (To help discriminate visually from *F*, point out that the extra line *E* has is the bottom of his mouth.)

*Hand cue: Move your hand along in front of you while opening and closing your thumb together with your other four fingers. You could also put both hands up to your mouth as if getting ready to call out to Ed.*