

Long Vowel Digraphs

Generalization Long a is sometimes spelled **ai**: **paint**. Long e is sometimes spelled **ee** and **ea**: **speech**, **feast**. Long o is sometimes spelled **oa** and **ow**: **coast**, **arrow**.

Word Sort Sort words by the spelling of the long vowel sound.

ai

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

ee

7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

ea

11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____

oa

15. _____
16. _____
17. _____

ow

18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Challenge Words

ai

21. _____

ee

22. _____
23. _____
24. _____

ow

25. _____

Spelling Words

1. coast
2. feast
3. speech
4. wheat
5. Spain
6. paint
7. arrow
8. needle
9. charcoal
10. praise
11. faint
12. maintain
13. crease
14. groan
15. breeze
16. willow
17. appeal
18. bowling
19. complain
20. sneeze

Challenge Words

21. dungarees
22. bungalow
23. campaign
24. speedometer
25. referee



Home Activity Your child is learning about different spelling patterns for long vowel sounds. Select three list words and ask your child which pattern spells the long vowel in each word.

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coast	feast	speech	wheat	Spain
paint	arrow	needle	charcoal	praise
faint	maintain	crease	groan	breeze
willow	appeal	bowling	complain	sneeze

Words in Context Complete each sentence with a list word.

- I am dizzy and may _____. 1. _____
- A perfect ____ score is 300. 2. _____
- I heard the accident victim ____ because he was hurt. 3. _____
- High ____ tells you that you did a great job. 4. _____
- Make a ____ in the paper to fold it in half. 5. _____
- Food grilled over a ____ fire tastes great. 6. _____
- It is generally better to be positive rather than to _____. 7. _____
- A sailboat needs a strong ____ to go fast. 8. _____
- Antique car owners spend a lot of time and money to ____ their vehicles so they will continue to run. 9. _____
- Two countries that border ____ are Portugal and France. 10. _____

Classifying Write the list word that belongs in each group.

- bow, feather, _____ 11. _____
- sew, thread, _____ 12. _____
- glide, cruise, _____ 13. _____
- cold, cough, _____ 14. _____
- elm, oak, _____ 15. _____
- talk, lecture, _____ 16. _____

Synonyms Write the list word that has the same or nearly the same meaning.

- request 17. _____ 18. banquet 18. _____
- grain 19. _____ 20. color 20. _____



Home Activity Your child wrote words with long vowel digraphs. Have your child tell you two ways to spell long e.

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Proofread a Report Miguel wrote about his family's trip. Circle six spelling errors. Find one punctuation error. Write the corrections on the lines.

This summer, my family traveled to Spain. We felt very lucky to stay in a hotel right on the caost. The weather was always beautiful with a light breaze blowing in off the ocean. Outside my window, the branches of a wilow tree dipped into a small pond. The sky was the same color as the baby blue color in my pante box. On our last night we had a wonderful feest. I thought I would fante at the sight of so much food! Everything was really delicious? I felt my stomach groan when we got to dessert. Is that anything to complain about?

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | |

- Frequently Misspelled Words**
- Halloween
 - really

Proofread Words Circle the correct spelling of the word.

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|--------------|----------|---------|
| 8. weat | wheet | wheat |
| 9. charcole | charcoal | charcol |
| 10. maintain | maintane | mantain |
| 11. boling | bolling | bowling |
| 12. complain | complane | complan |
| 13. creese | creaze | crease |
| 14. arow | arrow | arro |



Home Activity Your child corrected misspelled list words in a paragraph and selected the correctly spelled word in a group of words. Select three list words and ask your child to spell them.

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Crossword Puzzle Write list words to complete the puzzle.

Across

- 2. fold
- 4. compliment
- 6. glide or slide
- 7. bow and ____
- 11. used to sew

Down

- 1. banquet
- 2. used to BBQ
- 3. a country
- 5. family sport
- 8. pass out
- 9. cough and ____
- 10. whine
- 12. a grain



Home Activity Your child has learned to read, write, and spell words with long vowel digraph patterns. Look through books with your child to find three new words with long vowel digraphs.