

The following  
pages are about  
the different ways  
of reading, writing,  
and spelling the  
long a sound.

# The Long a Sound

The long a sound can be written several different ways.

Here are a few examples:

gate

play

rain

eight

rein

baby

In the word *gate* the silent e at the end of the word gives the a its long sound.

In the word *play*, the letter y is used as a vowel and gives the a its long sound.

In the word *rain*, the letter i is used to give the a its long sound.

In the word *eight* the letters eigh are a special blend of letters that make the long a sound.

In the word *reindeer* the letters ei are another special blend of letters that make the long a sound.

In some two or more syllable words like *baby*, the a stands alone and makes the long a sound.

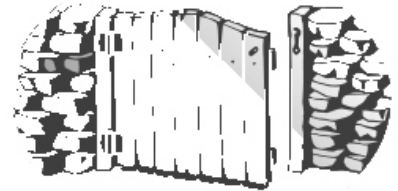
## The silent e

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Let's take a look at some long a words with silent e.  
Mark the vowels and read the words.

Remember to strike out the silent letters that you do not hear.

Example: lake



game      bake      skate      made      ape

tame      rake      mate      shade      shape

same      make      gate      fade      tape

Fill in the sentences with words from the list above.

1. I will \_\_\_\_\_ a cake.



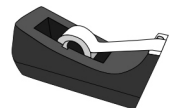
2. Will you play a \_\_\_\_\_ with me ?

3. Dad used the \_\_\_\_\_ to make a pile of leaves.

4. It is much cooler in the \_\_\_\_\_.



5. I will open the \_\_\_\_\_ for you.



6. The boy will \_\_\_\_\_ his torn paper.

# Long a written ay

Let's take a look at some long a words written with ay.

Circle the letters ay in each word, then read the words.

day

Kay

may

Fay

way

bay

ray

away

hay

say

pay

today

play

pray



lay

Jay

Finish the rhymes.

Rain, rain, go away,

All the children want to



\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_



When I bow my head to pray,

God will hear each word I

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Three children went out to play,



\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

, and

little

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Long a ai

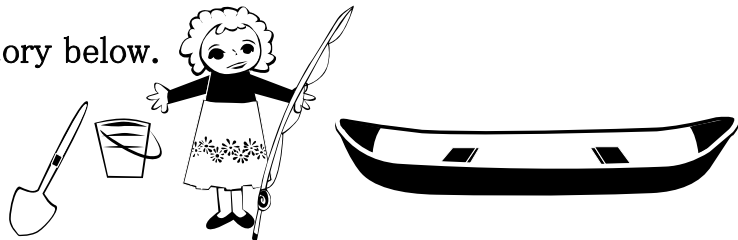
Let's take a look at some long a words written with ai.  
Mark the vowels, then read the words.

Remember to strike out the silent letters that you do not hear.

Example: *rain*

*pain*      *Spain*      *gain*      *stain*      *plain*  
*aim*      *maid*      *wait*      *bait*      *pail*  
*sail*      *paint*      *nail*      *explain*      *remain*

Circle the long a words in the story below.



There was a young maid from Spain, She sold bait to fishermen. One day she took a pail and went to look for worms. She dug and dug until her back was filled with pain. Her clothes were all stained from digging in the dirt. She did not find any bait.

How would she explain to the fishermen? The fisherman would just have to wait, because it was plain to see that she would find no bait today.

She would have to go home and tell the fishermen to sail their boats and fish today without worms. She went back home a very sad little maid.

Then an idea came to the maid. I will cook some noodles. Noodles look like worms. I will paint them and make them look like bait.

That is just what the little maid did, and do you know what? The fish loved the new bait! They ate, and ate, and ate.

The fishermen caught many fish that day, and the little maid was paid lots of money.

# Long a eigh

Look at some long a words written with eigh.

Circle the letters eigh in the following words, and say the words.



eight

weight

neighbor

sleigh

weigh

neigh

eighty

freight

## Long a Spelled With ei

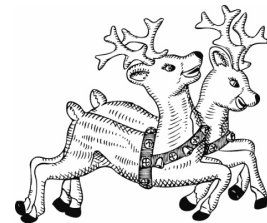
Circle the letters ei in the following words, and say the words.



vein

veil

rein



reign

reindeer

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from above lists.

Jesus said to love your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.

The number after seven is \_\_\_\_\_.

The horse knows the way to carry the \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ has large horns on its head.

## The Long A Stands Alone

In some two or more syllable words like baby, the a stands alone and makes the long a sound.

Circle the long a in the words below and read the words.

baby

lazy

table

bacon

David

fable

maple

raven

label

navy

lament

razor

lady

Amy

cradle

bagle

Use the words above to fill in the blanks.

\_\_\_\_\_ is drinking.  
The \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ and eggs for breakfast.  
We are having \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ killed a giant.  
A boy named \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to shave his beard.  
The man used a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
The baby went to sleep in the \_\_\_\_\_