



Phonics workbook

The long 'a' family

Grade 2 & 3

a, a_e, ai, ay, ey, eigh

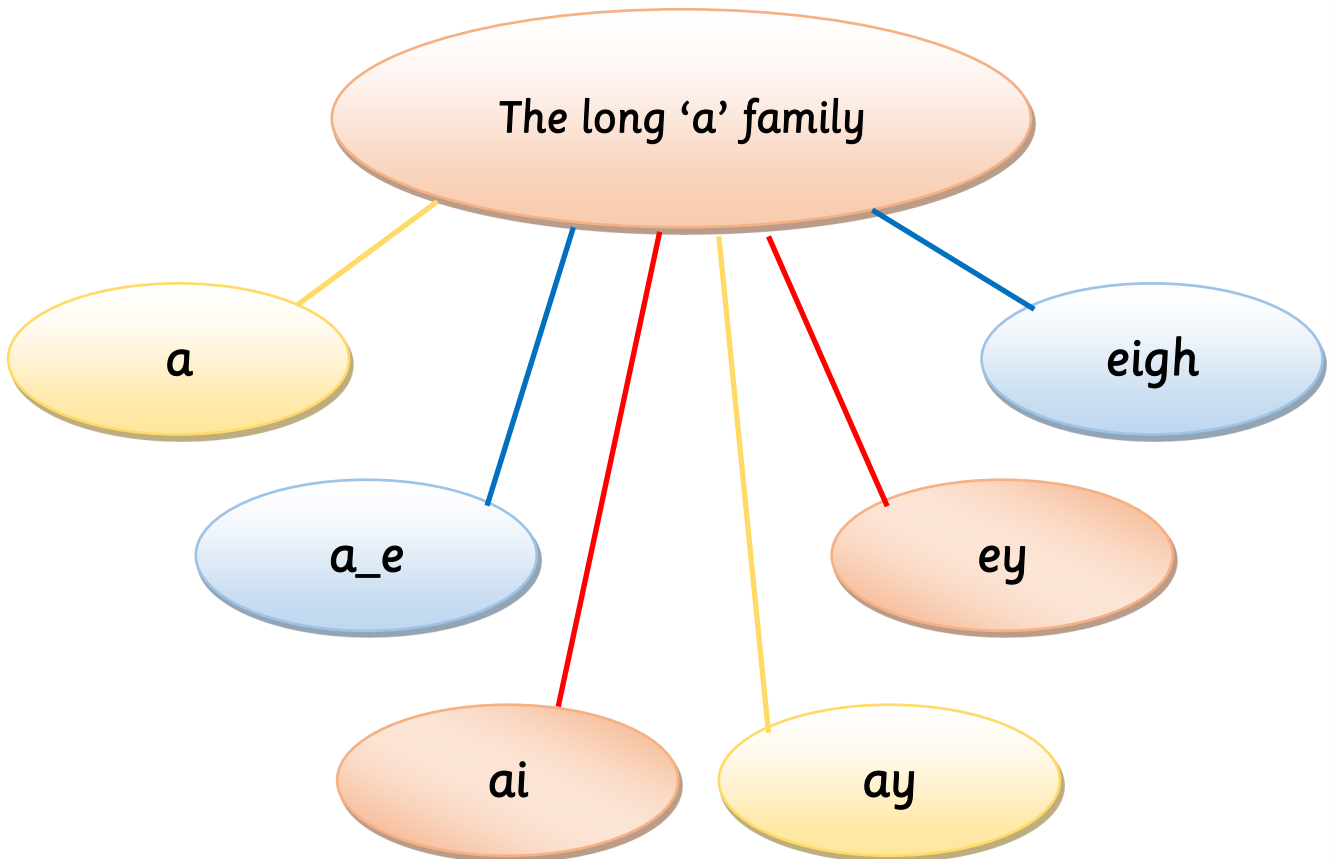




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Introducing the long 'a' family:



The long 'a' family all SOUND the same, but there are different spelling choices.

Each spelling choice looks different!

There are six spelling choices for the long 'a' sound: They are:

a, a_e, ai, ay, ey and eigh

Underline all the long 'a' sounds in the passage below:

Amy will visit her friend in America during the April holiday. They will eat cake while they wait for the flame to warm them up. On Monday, they will play the ape and snake game before they neigh like racing horses! Such a silly story, but oh so funny!

'a'

Long 'a' spelling choices



Read the passage below, then underline all the 'a' spelling choices for the long 'a' sound:

Chase went to the sale to buy a new skateboard. He used to surf the giant waves, but after his unfortunate accident, he gets the shakes and falls over time and again. The girls think he is the bravest boy in the whole grade.



Write down all the long 'a' spelling words in the block.



Can you think of any other words?

Choose any three words from the oval to draw a picture of and to use in your own sentences.



'ai'

Long 'a' spelling choices



Which spelling choice of the long 'a' has been used?

Read the passage, then underline the all the words from the spelling choice.

Gale's aim was to have paid the dear man who delivers the mail every morning, but her money went to a chain of different events. First she took her lion to get his mane trimmed, his tail painted and his nails clipped. Simba did not have any pain, so he could not claim anything from her. All he wanted was his chin to be tickled!

Write down all the long 'a' spelling words in the block.

Can you think of any rhyming words for the following words?

vain-

mail -

claim-

aim-

snail-

tail-

Can you think of any of your own words?

Choose five 'ai' words and use them in a short story of your own:



'a_e'
Long 'a' spelling choice



Read the words below, then underline all the 'a_e' spelling choices for the long 'a' sound:

cape hate made rate cane tape
rage grade fade mane cake

What does the 'silent e' do?

Which words can stand by itself without the 'silent e' ?

Example: cape = cap + e

Can you think of any other 'a_e' words?

Which 'a_e' words do you like the most?

Put on your thinking caps, then write a riddle about these two 'a_e' words in the blue blocks.

Put your thinking cap on!



'ay'

long 'a' spelling choice



Can you guess what this spelling choice is for the long 'a' sound?

hay

say

sway

display

decay

spray

play

ray

may

relay

always

portray

clay

lay

pay

Can you think of 5 more 'ay' words?

Picture box



Monday



clay / play



spray



hay



pay

Look at the pictures in the picture box above, then write a short poem using the 'ay' words. Underline all the spelling choice words you have used.

'ey'

Long 'a' spelling choice



Can you guess what this spelling choice is for the long 'a' sound?

grey

prey

they

obey

convey

survey

What is the difference between the following words?

pray and prey

there and their

hare and hair



Put your
thinking
cap on!

What is the meaning of the following words? Can you think of an interesting definition for each word?

convey _____

they _____

prey _____

obey _____

survey _____

Can you still remember all the other spelling choices of the long 'a' sound? Write down as many words with the long 'a' sound using all the spelling choices:

'eigh'

Long 'a' spelling choice



Can you guess what this spelling choice is for the long 'a' ?

neigh weigh sleigh eight freight weight neighbour

Complete the sentences, by using the 'eigh' words from the block above:

1. The sound that a horse makes is _____.
2. Five plus three is equal to _____.
3. Santa Claus asked Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer to guide his
_____.
4. _____ is what you do when you place something on a scale.
5. My _____ is 38 kg.
6. Goods which are transported by ship or airplane is also known as
_____.
7. The person living next to me is my _____.

Do you think you can use the spelling words to write your very own silly sentence or joke? Use as many of the spelling words to write something funny.

Memo



Page 1:

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Page 2:

Chase sale skateboard waves shakes bravest grade

Page 3:

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Write down all the long 'a' spelling words in the block.

aim paid mail chain tail nails pain claim

Page 4:

Read the passage below, then underline all the 'a_e' spelling choices for the long 'a' sound:

cape hate made rate cane tape rage
grade fade mane
cake

Which words can also stand by themselves without the 'silent e' ?

hat(e) tap(e) mad(e) rag(e) rat(e) man(e) can(e)



Memo



Page 5:

Can you guess what this spelling choice is for the long 'a' ? 'ay'

Page 6:

What is the difference between the following words?

pray and prey - I pray to God / The antelope was the lion's prey

there and their - I am going to live over there / Their surname is Jones

hare and hair - The hare jumped in front of the lights / I have beautiful blonde hair.

What is the meaning of the following words? Can you think of an interesting definition for each word?

- convey - To carry a message from one person to another, is to convey a message.
- they - Tells you whom you are talking about.
- prey - animal which is caught by another animal is called a prey.
- obey - To obey the rules is to follow / abide to the rules .
- survey - a list of questions given to a person when they want to find out more about something / a matter.

Page 7:

Complete the sentences, by using the 'eigh' words from the block above

1. The sound that a horse makes is **neigh**.
2. Five plus three is equal to **eight**.
3. Santa Claus asked Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer to guide his **sleigh**.
4. **Weigh** is what you do when you place something on a scale.
5. My **weight** is 38 kg.
6. Goods which is transported by ship or airplane is also known as **freight**.
7. The person living next to me is my **neighbour**.