Long A Words and Sentences /e/

The rain in Spain falls mainly in the plain.

—Eliza Doolittle

To make this sound: Open your mouth while smiling and making the “eh” sound. Close your mouth slightly while smiling even wider and say “eee.” The long A sound has two parts put together: eh-eee.

Long A homophones

1. ate / eight
2. bass / base
3. break / brake
4. faze / phase
5. hay / hey
6. made / maid
7. pail / pale
8. plane / plain
9. pane / pain
10. pray / prey
11. rain / rein
12. sale / sail
13. tail / tale
14. wail / whale
15. waste / waist
16. weight / wait
17. way / weigh
18. steak / stake
19. vein / vain / vane
20. bale / bail
21. days / daze
22. stationary / stationery

Practice Words

1. able
2. age
3. bacon
4. blame
5. came
6. date
7. famous
8. great
9. hay
10. cable
11. label
12. lake
13. lazy
14. later
15. major
16. make
17. name
18. nation
19. page
20. race
21. raised
22. safe
23. take
24. tail

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25. veil 31. maintain
26. wave 32. container
27. shame 33. replacement
28. change 34. capable
29. train 35. amiable
30. frame

Practice Sentences
1. The cable is frayed and is showing its age.
2. It’s a shame he is so lazy.
3. Can you blame her for changing trains?
4. The squirrel came and took the acorn.
5. He raced away and put it in a safe place.
6. A famous date in history is called a red letter day.
7. Is your name written on that page?
8. The great news should be taken to every nation.
9. Can you maintain that software?
10. You can make a change in the world.
11. To be safe, make sure to label your belongings.
12. He is capable of training his replacement.
13. We will unveil a major change in the plane design.
14. It is important to remain faithful.
15. I ate the bacon in the container.
16. The baby came in April.
17. As they say, that takes the cake!
18. It is wise to make hay while the sun shines.
Tongue Twisters

- I gratefully gazed at the gracefully grazing gazelles.
- On a lazy laser raiser lies a laser ray eraser.
- I know a boy named Tate who dined with his girl at eight eight. I’m unable to state what Tate ate at eight eight or what Tate’s tête à tête ate at eight eight.
- As he gobbled the cakes on his plate, the greedy ape said as he ate, the greener green grapes are, the keener keen apes are to gobble green grape cakes, they’re great!

—O Say Can You Say? by Dr. Seuss